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Diana fund has £1m

Princes may run mother's 'secret charity'

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PRINCE WILLIAM and Prince Harry have been asked to take over a private charity run by Diana, Princess of Wales, which she used to make donations totalling hundreds of thousands of pounds to causes close to her heart.

The Princess of Wales Charities' Trust was set up in 1987 with a £100 donation from the Princess. The latest accounts filed at the Charity Commission show that it now has funds of more than £1 million.

The trust, whose existence was kept secret during the Princess's lifetime, was financed from "fees" paid to the Princess by organisations and companies she represented or visited, or by their sponsors, who were usually given a strong hint that a charitable donation might be an appropriate way of thanking her for her efforts.

Documents filed with the Charity Commission also disclose that the Princess used thousands of pounds of the trust's money to buy so-called "personal effects" that then were donated to charities to sell at fund-raising auctions. In its four most active years, in the mid-nineties, the trust made donations to 420 organisations worth, on average, £740 each. In all, the gifts totalled more than £310,000.

In keeping with the Princess's habit of backing unglamorous and controversial causes, the beneficiaries included Depression Alliance, which helps to support people with severe mental illness, and groups for battered wives, such as Hull Women's Aid and Refuge.

Voluntary groups working with single parents, such as Gingerbread and Liverpool One Parent Families, and homelessness charities, including Centrepoint, also received grants, as did charities that work with HIV or Aids patients, such as Body Positive and the Aids Helpline.

Michael Gibbons, the Princess's private secretary and a trustee of the charity since 1996, said that the Princess took an active part in the running of the trust and vetted every grant it made. "It was very much her style to give money to organisations which were not fashionable or which would not otherwise have received money," he said.

He added that the Princess did her best to suppress any publicity about the trust. "She did not want to get brownie points for making charitable donations," he said. "The trust was there to make charitable grants, not to score points. It was something that she did not want to publicise."

Some of the charities and voluntary bodies that received money from the trust were never even told where the money came from. Others were asked not to give the grants "gratuitous publicity".

The trust was relatively inactive until the early 1990s, but its grant-making activities took off in 1992-93 after the Princess separated from the Prince of Wales and embarked on a more independent career.

Henry Boyd-Carpenter, of Farrer and Co, solicitors to the trust, described the trust as a "happy and active charity". Mr Boyd-Carpenter, who is solicitor to the Queen, said: "There was very little money in the early days. It became active as the Princess's charitable activities blossomed."

Accounts filed with the Charity Commission show that in the year ended in April 1993 the trust received a donations worth £11,465 derived from the Princess's activities. It made grants worth £57,526 to 69 organisations and spent £3,861 on gifts to be donated to charities for auction.

In 1994, donations came to £114,013 and the trustees made grants of £96,646 to 140 bodies. The trust also made anonymous donations of £50,000 and made gifts to charities for auction to the value of £2,250.

In 1995, donations to the trust amounted to £37,060. It paid out £112,785 to 111 organisations. In 1996, the last year for which records are available, it made 100 grants worth £43,649 in total. It closed the year with total funds of more than £1 million.

Now the trust is preparing for a new lease of life. The trustees have written to the Princess's sons to ask them to become its patrons and to take over the work of vetting grants.

A spokeswoman for the Prince of Wales said it was too early to say whether the Princes would get involved with the trust.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Unrestrained emotion from Darren Gough, left, and Mark Butcher as they celebrated after their historic Headingley win yesterday

England's cricketers get winning feeling again

BY ALAN LEE

ENGLAND'S cricketers escaped from 12 years of purgatory yesterday with their first win of a full series since the Ashes were retained in Australia in 1986. In the process, they redeemed a sporting summer full of false promise and overturned a few time-honoured theories about emotion and self-expression.

They will also be richer men, having landed a bonus of £200,000, the biggest yet won by an England side, from their team sponsors, Vodafone. As with all prize monies, this will go into the team pool to be divided between the 18 who played in the series.

The 23-run victory over South Africa, completed when the two remaining wickets were taken in the first half-an-hour on the final day in Leeds, produced a release of pent-up frustration in players who have had to live with cheap jokes and derision. It laid to rest the theory that the English game is moribund, and was greeted with euphoria.

Cricket was once thought to be a game of reserve and taciturnity, where wickets were greeted by no more than a backslap and victory by formal handshakes. Five days of draining tension in Headingley, the climax of a dramatic series, has shown the modern player in a different light. There have been tears of joy and despair, displays of tactile encouragement seen more frequently on the football field and, finally, boisterous celebrations in full view of a spontaneous 10,000-strong crowd taking advantage of free admission to enjoy a slice of overdue cricket history.

It was a match that had everything, England and South Africa slugging it out toe to toe like two proud prizefighters, the winner impossible to call with confidence.

On Sunday, as England fell short of the target they had wished to set, Nasser Hussain covered his eyes and wept as he left the field, dismissed for 94. Yesterday, Allan Donald, South Africa's champion fast bowler, looked equally distraught as the penultimate man out.

Then, after Darren Gough had magnified his hero's status in his native Yorkshire by taking the final wicket to finish with six for 42 — the best figures of his England career — pandemonium ensued. When the players, sprinting from the field, reached a roped-off area near the boundary, they hugged one another uninhibitedly, moist eyes commonplace. Thousands of cheering, chanting spectators gathered around them, acclaiming the first win in a major series in this country since 1985.

"It was a team effort," said Alec Stewart, triumphant in his first series as captain. "But we must stay realistic — we've got the hardest test of all to come this winter in Australia."

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"Darling, this really is the happiest day of my life"

US offers $2m for bombers

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

THE United States offered a $2 million (£1.2 million) reward yesterday for the capture of the East African embassy bombers.

Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, offered the reward for information leading to a conviction of "the cowards that committed this act". The announcement came as three groups of suspects, described by an official as "connected to others", were detained in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. They are believed to be Sudanese and Iraqi.

Ms Albright pledged the reward in a speech to members of her department and insisted that there would be no rest until the bombers were caught. She will fly to Germany to bring back the bodies of some of the 12 Americans killed.

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Government cracks down on travel firms' insurance deals

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

HIGH-STREET travel companies which force customers to buy expensive insurance when they are booking a discounted foreign holiday were given notice yesterday by the Government that they must drop the practice.

The ruling will come too late for those holidaymakers who are currently searching for last-minute bargains. Many of those will find cheap deals come with the sting of compulsory insurance attached.

The change will, however, be in place in time for the post-Christmas sales frenzy, when tour operators set out to secure early bookings by offering up to 15 per cent off the brochure price of summer holidays.

From November 16, it will be unlawful for travel agents to tie insurance to special offers and discounts. The government ruling, announced yesterday by the Department of Trade and Industry, is a blow for the travel industry, which has traditionally made up to 50 per cent commission on tied insurance.

Customers who are prepared to shop around and buy no-frills insurance can often find a cheaper deal. Research by The Times has found that a family of four travelling to the United States for three weeks could save £200 by arranging cover with Churchill Insurance, which would cost £75.30, rather than with Thomas Cook direct, which charges £275.80. A Thomas Cook annual policy for the same family would be £139.95.

In 1996, the biggest travel agents made an estimated profit of £130 million on travel insurance sales — making that side of the business six times more profitable than selling holidays, according to calculations by Direct Line.

Out of the ten million people who are expected to travel abroad this summer, three million will have bought a holiday which has compulsory insurance attached. The practice has traditionally been most common with the largest tour operators, such as Airtours, Thomson Travel Group and Thomas Cook.

The DTI acted after studying a Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) report published at the end of last year which criticised the practice.

Dr Kim Howells, Minister for Competition and Consumers Affairs, said yesterday: "Consumers should not be forced to take out insurance which may not be competitively priced or does not meet their needs in order to obtain a discount on a holiday. Nor should they have to pay more for their holidays because travel agents are discouraged by tour operators from offering discounts they would otherwise be prepared to offer."

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Heatwave sparks fire among duke's treasures

BY RICHARD DUCE

SOUTHERN Britain basked in temperatures of up to 32C (90F) on the hottest day of the year yesterday as the heatwave gripping the Continent continued to exert its influence on the weather system.

The Duke of Somerset, on holiday in Italy, learnt the power of the sun the hard way. Rays beaming through the windows of Bradley House, his home at Maiden Bradley, near Warminster, were reflected from an 18-inch-high concave silver-topped table onto a horse-hair sofa, starting a blaze which left tapestries and antiques, including a Raphael painting, damaged by the smoke. Wiltshire fire brigade was called into action when a 75-year-old woman collapsed as she was overcome by heat after climbing an internal staircase to the Salisbury Cathedral steeple. She was passed through an open window into a safety basket and lowered 100 ft to safety.

Elsewhere, the emergency services confirmed yesterday that two men had been killed in water-related accidents.

Lawrence Browne, 47, a computer consultant, from Hayling Island, Hampshire, was manning a £250,000 catamaran off the Isle of Wight with two of his four children when he was killed after going below decks to check the engine and being dragged into the machinery. He was brought ashore at Poole Harbour where he was certified dead by a doctor at the scene.

At Chasewater lake near Cannock, Staffordshire, Anthony Harris was missing presumed drowned after he swam out to retrieve a dinghy at the beauty spot.

Mr Harris, 29, of Walsall, West Midlands, was known to be a strong swimmer but got into trouble after first wading out into the lake to retrieve the boat. He went to the lake on Sunday, with his girlfriend and two-year-old son. A police underwater search unit was brought in to search for his body. In Co Londonderry police officers recovered the body of a 13-year-old boy from the River Roe at Dungiven after he got into difficulty while out swimming with friends.

The Met Office confirmed that yesterday saw a record for the year with temperatures reaching 32C (90F) in Gravesend, Kent. Temperatures will drop over the next few days and there is the likelihood of showers in southern England.

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Merit reforms will affect 1% of consultants

A more fundamental review of the pay system has been promised for next year, reports **Ian Murray**

ONLY one per cent of consultants will be affected by changes to the system of awarding merit money trumpeted by the Government yesterday as the most important reform of senior doctors' pay for 50 years.

The changes mean that the body which decides on the top awards will include patient representatives, have only 14 members instead of 33 and include five consultants instead of 25.

The committee, however, will only sit in judgment on awards for the most senior consultants. There are only 267 of a total of 25,619 eligible for the top award, which is worth around £55,000 a year.

The remaining merit awards, worth around £23,600 to £40,000, will continue to be nominated and approved by the regional committees on which consultants will still have a majority. Their nominees will still go forward for approval for the top awards by the national committee.

Reform of the compostion of the regional committees is expected to be a priority for the Government in restructuring the merit award system in the future. Alan Milburn, the Health Minister, made it clear yesterday when he announced the changes that the reforms were only an interim measure and that a more fundamental review will be carried out into the merit system next year.

The aim of the interim measure is to end what critics claim is a closed-shop, old boys' network. By giving patients two seats and NHS managers six seats on the 14-member committee, the Government wants to make it impossible for doctors to dominate the decision-making process.

More women and people from ethnic minority groups will also be represented. The committee will be ordered to be more open about its decisions. The old panel was accused of being secretive, leading to unfair skewing of awards to consultants in particular specialties or hospitals.

Milburn: said reforms were interim measure

Mr Milburn said: "These awards have to be earned and are certainly not a gift for life. In the future, poor performance, outright failure and inappropriate conduct will result in the immediate removal of rewards."

The Government set up a review of the merit-award scheme in March and originally meant to announce a complete package of reforms next year. However it has been under pressure to bring in changes quickly because two senior consultants, struck off the register because of their involvement in sub-standard heart surgery at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, were allowed to keep their merit awards.

Under the new system, any consultant found guilty of serious professional misconduct could be stripped of a merit award immediately by the review panel. Until now, each individual's performance has only been reviewed every five years and to date no consultant has lost an award.

Mr Milburn said that although the new regulations could not be made to work retrospectively, he would be looking for a mechanism to remove the merit awards still being paid to James Wisheart, the senior surgeon at Bristol, and John Roylance, the hospital trust's chief executive. They have both retired but their pensions have been increased to take account of their merit awards.

The British Medical Association said it welcomed moves to make the scheme fairer and more open, and looked forward to discussing the changes during the consultation period over the next four weeks.

"Contrary to what ministers have said, distinction awards are not regarded as a right by consultants, nor are they bonus payments," said Peter Hawker, joint deputy chairman of the BMA's consultants committee. "They are part of the consultants' remuneration scheme and we shall be discussing with ministers how best to ensure that the money is fairly distributed."

MSF, the health union, said the reforms were long overdue. Roger Kline, a spokesman, said: "Alan Milburn's decision is further evidence that this Government is serious about equity and transparency in the NHS. The refusal of the previous Government to act on this was nothing short of shameful. The public need to know that merit awards are justified and fairly distributed."

John Redwood, the Shadow Trade Secretary, said: "The Health Minister now wants to change the way doctors are paid. He should also ask himself how he is going to tackle the crisis of recruiting and retaining nurses in many parts of the country."

The salary scale for a consultant is £44,780 to £57,800. From December, merit awards paid on top of this will range from £23,615 to £56,000, meaning the pay scale of a consultant with a merit award will range from a minimum of £82,655 to a maximum of £115,130. At present, 3,229 of the 25,619 eligible consultants in Britain hold a merit award.

No 10 fixes crumbling edifice of power

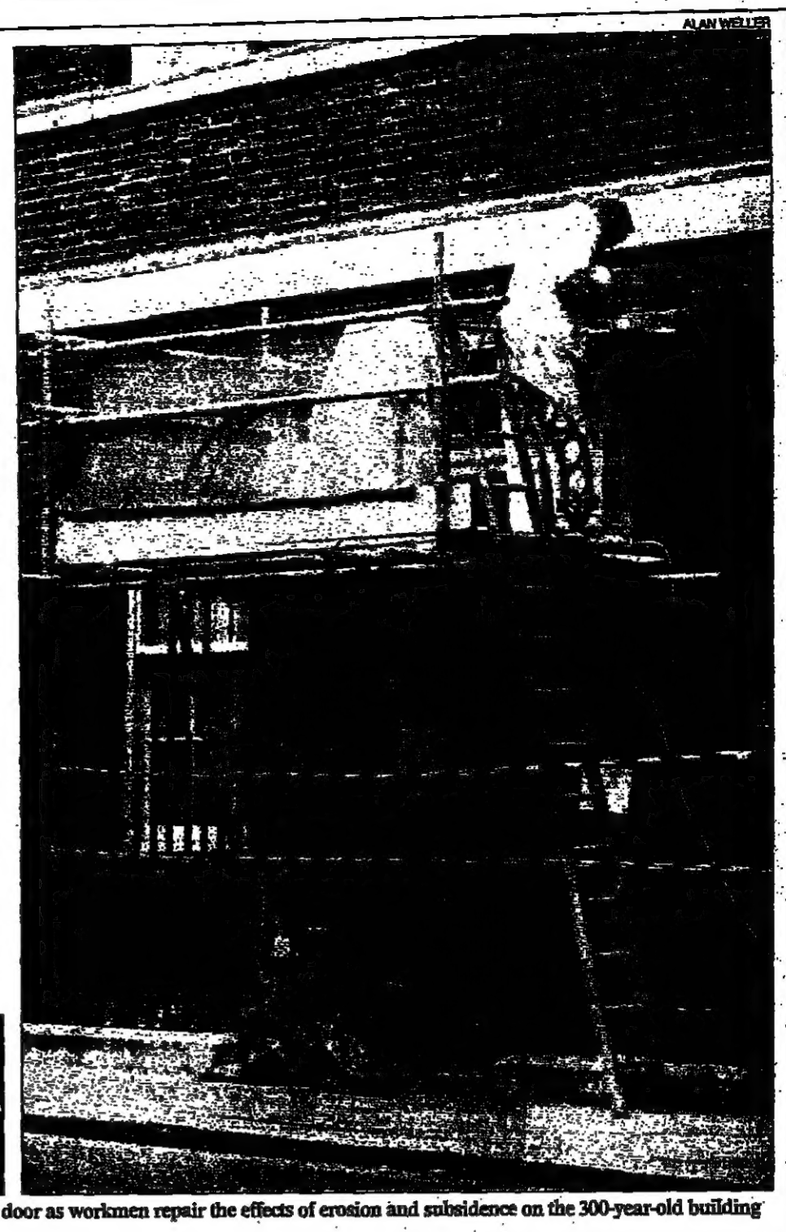
By James Landale
Political Reporter

AMID jokes about fresh cracks emerging in the Government, work began yesterday to restore the crumbling stonework surrounding the front door of No 10 Downing Street.

The ravages of weather and pollution have eroded the limestone cornice and officials decided to take advantage of Tony Blair's absence to carry out badly needed repairs. The work is being done by Paye Stonework and Restoration and is expected to cost the Downing Street budget about £1,000. Tony Blair and family are on holiday in Italy.

Sections of eroded stone will be replaced with identically moulded chunks. A substantial vertical crack will also be filled in. It is believed to have been caused by subsidence which has troubled Downing Street since it was built on silt in the 1680s.

A Whitehall official said: "Obviously we had to do it while the Prime Minister was away — the last thing you would want is stones falling on his head."



ALAN WELLER

A sign directs visitors next door as workmen repair the effects of erosion and subsidence on the 300-year-old building

Jail computer scheme suspended

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

PLANS for a £350 million computerisation of prison service information on offenders, personnel and finance were suspended suddenly yesterday amid fears of cost over-runs and risks to the running of jails.

Richard Tilt, director-general of the service, announced that work on the project had been suspended after about £5 million had been spent on preparatory work for the joint public-private sector scheme.

Home Office ministers have been kept fully informed with the growing doubts over the project which is to be fully reassessed during the next six months. More than two years' work has been undertaken on the Quantum project, an ambitious but complex plan to computerise all the service's finance, personnel and inmates records systems.

The project, one of the largest in the Government's Private Finance Initiative, was intended to improve the way the prison service handles information on more than 60,000 prisoners held in 135 jails in England and Wales plus its finance and personnel records.

The Prisons Board suspended further work on the project because of concern that improving the information system might not have been possible in a way that safeguarded running the jails.

Other concerns included whether the project would provide the taxpayer with value for money and whether the service could manage the changes needed at a time of rapid prison population growth and legislative change.

Prison governors said could have cost up to £500 million over a decade. The prison service said its estimate was between £300 and £350 million.

☐ The prison service is seeking to get repaid the costs of water, electricity and gas provided to Wackenhut, a private contractor, which runs workshops at Coldingley prison near Woking in Surrey.

NEWS IN BRIEF

National survey of milk for bacteria

The Government is to undertake a nationwide survey into milk quality after fears that a harmful bacteria affecting cattle could be causing Crohn's disease. The survey will include all main types of milk, with 1,000 samples being examined for a range of bacteria. The samples will be assessed for the presence of mycobacterium paratuberculosis, a cause of the cattle disorder, Johne's disease. It is one of several factors that have been suggested as a possible cause of Crohn's disease, a chronic inflammation affecting the intestine in humans. The Department of Health said that on the basis of what is currently known about the bacteria, there was no need for anyone to change their dietary habits.

Para-sail death

Greek police are investigating the death of a British woman who was killed para-sailing off the island of Zakinthos. Sara-Elisabeth Gzaplincka, 40, died instantly after plunging 164ft to the sea from the double harness of a para-sail she was sharing with another woman. Her husband was watching from the speedboat towing the para-sail. Once the other woman had landed safely the boat went to her aid but she was already dead.

Briton murdered

Police in Thailand are investigating the murder of a 66-yr-old Briton who was killed gangland-style with two bullets to his back at the weekend. Keith Holmes Tate, an engineer from London, was found outside the flat he had bought as a retirement home. Police are interviewing a woman described as his current wife, and seeking another woman named Renu, described as his former wife.

Trust accused

The Prince's Trust is to be prosecuted over Gary Leaburn, 25, and Derek Taylor, 19, who died in the collapse of a wall they were repairing on North Ronaldsay, Orkney Islands. The Crown Office said charges under the Health and Safety at Work Act were being brought against the Prince's Trust Volunteers, Adult Community Training (Dundee), the management board of Angus College, and an unnamed Angus man.

Flight of fancy

A family of six passed the telephone around the table at Sunday lunch and booked nine tickets each during the British Airways weekend cut-price promotion. They were among 75,000 callers during the 39-hour sell-off. One man bought 19 tickets to Capetown, for £299 each, making an overall saving of £8,379 on the full fare. The most discounted fare was a return ticket from London to Dubai, reduced from £531 to £259.

Home call threat

Detectives investigating a prostitute's murder are threatening to call at the homes of her clients because so few have come forward voluntarily to help the inquiry. Natalie Clubb, 25, who worked in the Preston Road district of Hull, was the third prostitute to be killed in the city in the past ten months. Parts of her dismembered body were found wrapped in plastic bags in sludge at a sewage pumping station two weeks ago.

Statue returned

An antique statue that mysteriously vanished from the Royal Avenue Gardens in Dartmouth 40 years ago has been returned by a thief with a guilty conscience. He had removed it as a teenage prank and buried it in his father's allotment. The 59-year-old South Devon man has handed back the 100-year-old, 3ft statue on condition of anonymity. It had been thought that sailors were to blame for the theft.

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Insurance crackdown for travel companies

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The DTI said it had taken the action because the MMC report had found tied insurance enabled travel agents to inflate the advertised discount on foreign package holidays.

A spokesman for the DTI said: "The MMC research found that 60 per cent of foreign package holidays were sold at a discount, and half of those sales were linked to compulsory insurance."

Direct Line, which is competing with the major tour operators in the travel insurance market, claimed the legislation did not go far enough.

Gill Murphy, a spokeswoman, said: "Holiday companies are already putting the price of the holiday up and saying that free insurance is included, or telling customers that they will be billed for insurance when they pay for their holiday unless they specify otherwise.

"The latter practice prevents customers from getting better deals and better cover at a lower price elsewhere. It also means that travellers who want to pursue hazardous sports or who suffer pre-existing medical conditions may not be covered."

Thomson, the biggest tour operator in Britain, said the action was not a surprise and said an option in the future would be for customers to choose either free insurance or a discounted holiday.

Loyalists grow disillusioned by peace process

By Audrey Magee
Ireland Correspondent

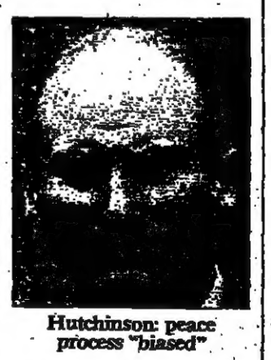
LOYALISTS are growing increasingly angry and disillusioned with the peace process, the Government was told yesterday.

Billy Hutchinson, a leading loyalist and Assembly member, told Adam Ingram, the Northern Ireland Security Minister, that his constituents believed that the peace process was heavily weighted towards republicans. "The perception in my community is republicans are getting everything and Unionists are getting nothing," said Mr Hutchinson, whose Progressive Unionist Party is linked to the loyalist terrorist Ulster Volunteer Force.

"It's not just on prisoners, it's the wider issues in terms of funding the community groups, creation of jobs in local working class, Protestant areas."

Mr Hutchinson listed loyalist complaints during an hour-long meeting with Mr Ingram at Stormont. Mr Hutchinson claimed that prisoner releases were moving too slowly and that the eight loyalists in Scottish and English jails were not benefiting from the programme.

The meeting came as political parties in Northern Ireland digested the declaration issued by the Loyalist Volunteer Force that its campaign of violence was over.



Hutchinson: peace process "biased"

Sinn Fein, which is under pressure to get the IRA to announce that the war is over, said that it was responding "cautiously" to the statement. Alex Maskey, a Sinn Fein Assembly member, said most nationalists did not believe loyalists intended to stop killing Catholics.

☐ Two teenagers were charged in Belfast yesterday in connection with the shooting of two Roman Catholics in Londonderry two weeks ago. Gary Fry, 19, and Stuart McRory, 18, both from the predominately loyalist Waterside of Londonderry, were charged with conspiring to cause grievous bodily harm to Francis Creane, 58, and his brother Anthony, 53.

Fringe police call foul on comic

By Shirley English

WHEN the son of the Irish Foreign Minister was arrested during his street comedy act in Edinburgh's Fringe Festival this weekend, his audience thought it was his best joke yet.

They cheered encouragement thinking it was all part of the show when the disgruntled comedian was led away in handcuffs by two grim-faced policemen after he refused to stop using foul language during his act.

David Andrews, 32, whose father shares the same name, had been performing his stand-up routine on the Royal Mile when he resorted to swearing. He threatened to pull down his trousers and set fire to himself when his audience began to take more interest in a group of scantily clad dancers.

Two passing policemen were not amused and warned him to cut the foul language and turn off his loud speaker because a woman had complained. When he refused he was promptly arrested, much to the entertainment of the assembled crowd. He told them: "I'm getting hassled for using the word 'penis'."

Thinking it was a Fringe stunt, the audience responded by chanting the same word at him and his captors. Andrews, whose stage name is David McSavage, was charged with a breach of the peace. He is due to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Thursday.

Based in Copenhagen, he is, according to Fringe publicity, a "popular and much sought-after" act on the Scandinavian club circuit.

Mr Andrews, 33, is the son of David Andrews, the Irish foreign minister, and nephew of Niall Andrews, an Irish member of the European Parliament, both of the centre right Fianna Fail party.

The fund that started with a royal cheque for £100

Charities trust enabled newcomer to choose her causes, writes Alan Hamilton

DIANA, Princess of Wales, was *barely four months* married when she set up her charities' trust. She was confused, unhappy, bulimic and pregnant, but she was advised that, as a new member of the Royal *Family, it was the right* thing to do.

Those were the days before the Princess became one of the most sought-after charity figureheads in the world, with a portfolio of *patronages* which had grown to nearly 120 by the time of her separation in 1992. In the early days of her marriage, she was little more than a decorative adjunct to the Prince of Wales: it took her rather longer to build an independent life. Yet, within weeks of her marriage, she had received at least 150 requests from charities to be their patron.

Having a means of giving small sums to causes of her own choosing was an early priority. With no publicity, the Princess launched her charity fund with a cheque of her own for £100; further funding was intended to come from public donations, on the assumption that her public appearances and meetings would provide no shortage of people keen to give to a good cause with her name attached.

In the month that the legal documents establishing the fund were set up, the Princess performed the first solo public engagement of her marriage, switching on the Regent Street Christmas lights. It may now be safely surmised that, at many of the solo appearances that followed, a condition of her turning up was a trust donation.

Even if not made a condition, any function she attended in her own right would be accompanied by the strong hint that a donation would be an appropriate *quid pro quo*. Her frequent appearances at charity functions in the US are likely to have commanded respectable donations to the Princess's own trust, as well as to the principal charity.

In later years the fund was boosted by lump sums which the princess extracted from the media. Part of the out-of-court settlement after the *Sunday Mirror* published pictures of the Princess exercising in a gym was a £25,000 donation to her charity fund.

Other members of the Royal Family have similar funds, from which they give many small donations from their private incomes. The Queen gives more than £200,000 a year, much of it to ecclesiastical charities, from her Privy Purse Charitable Trust.

The tradition is longstanding. Queen Victoria gave about £12,000 a year to good causes; given the ravages of inflation, she was roughly twice as generous as the present Queen.

The Prince of Wales has his own charities trust, which on occasion has given away well over £1 million in a single year to small and usually unpublicised causes. His books, television films and watercolours have all brought in revenue for the trust.

Secret gifts that arrived in the post

Cash came with pleas for no publicity, write Daniel McGrory and Dominic Kennedy

THE causes closest to her heart kept the secret of how Diana, Princess of Wales, privately assisted them with *financial donations*.

The gifts would arrive unannounced in the post and always included a request that the charities say nothing about her financial support. They all respected her wishes, admitting that the donations helped with projects that would otherwise have been abandoned.

The contributions were *modest, often no more than a* few hundred pounds, and mostly intended to be used for specific projects.

In 1996, the last year for which figures are published for donations by the Princess of Wales' Charitable Trust, one hundred charities shared £43,649. The recipients were not the big-name charities that the Princess would support at *high-profile fundraising* events, but smaller, lesser-known organisations working mainly with young people at the margins of society.

They reflected her concern for the homeless and those affected by Aids. She was also keen to encourage innovative, often controversial ways of helping those with the most serious mental and physical disabilities.

The Princess had visited some of the charities to benefit from her generosity, others she had only read about. Many simply wrote to her asking for help and a number were introduced by close friends. Often she would decide whom she would help as she sat alone in Kensington Palace.

She once described how she sat in silence for some time, staring at pictures of Romanian youngsters who were dying of Aids, and then asked how best she could help.

The beneficiaries: the Princess with Holly Hunt at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London, and Ben Hopkin receiving physiotherapy at Bobath Cymru, Cardiff

Graham Perolls, chairman of The Elleinor Foundation *Romanian Appeal*, described the foundation's work to the Princess at a private reception at her home in Kensington Palace. Shortly afterwards he received a *donation from the* Princess. She said it was to help the charity teach medical staff in Brasov, Transylvania, how to help young people *suffering* from Aids.

Mr Perolls said: "We didn't feel we could ask her to be our patron for a cause so far away but she insisted that she wanted to help. We set up the first home hospice scheme in Romania where trained staff can help those who want to live out their final days at home."

Viscount Tonypandy, the former Speaker George Thomas, introduced the Princess to the Bobath Therapy Centre, in Cardiff, which helps children with cerebral palsy. *Angharad Lewis, who works* at the centre, said: "We were as suprised as we were thrilled to receive her donation but she asked we say nothing and *obviously we respected that* wish."

When Bear Essentials, a small charity, decided to help fund a trip to Disneyworld for *Kevin Waldron*, a 13-year-old disabled boy, it turned to the Princess for help. Then Deborah Jennings, who runs the charity from her home in Pagham, near Bognor Regis, asked if Diana could top up its fundraising to allow two boys Darren Lillywhite and James Quinn, who have cerebral palsy, to have tricycles giving them independent mobility. In all three cases the Princess sent the money that was needed.

Julia Creasy, a director of Humber Beacon Homeless Hostel, in Hull, said: "We explained that we never turned anyone away. If the beds were full then we would put people up in the lounge *until we could find some*where, and the Princess said this fitted with her views on how to help the homeless, particularly the young."

Diana *twice made private* visits to bed and breakfast hotels in London used by the King's Cross Homelessness Project to shelter mothers and children. Dominic Fox, its director, said: "She knew from first-hand experience just how tough and lonely it was for the youngsters. Her grant to us was used to buy art packs to give the children something to do."

Peter McArdle, who runs the St Anthony of Padue Foundation for the Disabled from his home in Herne Bay, in Kent, wrote to Diana asking for support for his work helping mothers in need. One was a wheelchair-bound woman who needed an adapted cot so she could reach her baby. Another, a pregnant woman who already had a handicapped baby, needed a specially-made pram to carry both children. In both cases the Princess sent £300.

Mr McArdle said: "It's very difficult getting money. Nobody else answered. The one *that came up trumps for us on* two occasions, a year apart, was the Princess's trust, which says something about the lady."

Sarah Bourke, fundraising co-ordinator of Cherry Trees, in Guildford, still has no idea how the Princess first heard about the charity's work as a respite home for young people *with severe learning difficul*ties. But the Princess sent the charity regular donations.

The Princess was anxious to let those charities she had *been associated with before* her divorce know that she had not forgotten them. She had been a frequent visitor to the 60 homes run by the St Matthew Society in East Anglia *to help those with mental* health problems return to society.

Charlie Shentall, regional organiser, for Lincolnshire, said: "She was always an energetic supporter and her charity made sure she never forgot us, or those like us."

A HUNDRED GOOD CAUSES

These are the 100 causes supported by the Princess of Wales' Charities Trust for 1995-96, the last year records are available. Total donations were £43,649.

St Matthew Society
The David Tolkien Trust for Stoke Mandeville
Great Ormond Street Hospital
PHAB Wales
Liverpool One-Parent Families
Richmond Fellowship
Rainbow Appeal Fund
Cherry Trees
The Rainbow Centre
Calibre
The Scout Association Trust
The Children's Hospice Appeal
St Richard's Hospice Foundation
North Westminster Victims' Support Scheme
The British Home and Hospital for Incurables
Norton House, Coventry Day Centre for the Homeless Limited
Cardiff Oasis Aids Support Centre
South Somerset Domestic Violence Project
The St Thomas Fund for the Homeless
Sain Clwyd Sound
Mudiad Mercy House
Blind
The Special Trustees for St Thomas's Hospital
Handicapped Children's Action Group
Disabled Housing Trust
The Ronald Raven Chair in Clinical Oncology Trust
Crimestoppers Trust
Gingerbread Wales
Barra Junior Gaelic Choir
The Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association
St Joseph's Hospice Association
The Royal School for Deaf Children
The Church Army
Perumbra
The Society for Counselling and Information on Miscarriage
Holy Cross Centre Trust
The Elleinor Foundation Romanian Appeal
King's Cross Homelessness Project
Children's Hospice Appeal
Corbenic Camphill Community
Bobath Cymru
Open Door, The Branksholme Women's Centre
The Papworth Trust
Guideposts Trusts Limited
Action on Pre-Eclampsia
The Science Museum
Wolding to Support Hospice Care
Hull Women's Aid Centre
Alzheimer's Disease Society
St Austell and Par District Scout Council
Hull Faith in the City
Women's Link
Irish Cancer Society Limited
Hastings and Rother Crossroads
St Luke's Trust
Camphill Blair Drummond
Cardinal Hume Centre
Harvest Trust
Invalids at Home
The Cot Death Society
Paediatric Trust Fund, The Ulster Hospital
RDKBA
St John's Hospice
The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice
The Queen Elizabeth House Trust
The Centre for Brain Injury Rehabilitation and Development
One Hundred Hours
Bear Essentials
Break
St Richard's Hospital
Outset Youth Action
The Albemarle Centre
CCHA Extra Care
The Mary Stevens Hospice
Scottish Bobath Association
Liverpool Marie Curie Centre
St Anthony of Padue Foundation for the Disabled
New Institute for Care and Adaption for Psychophysics in Argentina
Guild of Disabled Homeworkers
Angus Special Playscheme
3H (Help the Handicapped Holiday Fund)
Huntington's Disease Association
International Spinal Research Trust
Ulster Cancer Foundation
Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children
British Lung Foundation
Children's Liver Disease Foundation
British Deaf Association
Freshfield Service
Crossroads, Oxford Branch
Leukaemia Research Appeal for Wales
Barnsley and District Dyslexia Association Ltd
Diabetes Foundation
Global Cancer Concern
Parkinson's Disease Society
The National Music and Disability Information Service
English National Ballet
Harefield Hospital
Headway National Head Injuries Association
Barnardo's

Paris hotels offer 'last trip' tours

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PARIS hotels have begun offering "Princess Diana discounts" and French tour operators are arranging guided tours of the last trip taken by her limousine in an effort to cash in on the anniversary of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, later this month.

"In memory of Lady Di, this hotel is pleased to collaborate at the first Diana anniversary. From August 15 to 31, we decided to do a special price of Fr700 (£70) per person to the people from England," reads one advertising flyer.

The hotel, on the Left Bank, claims in dubious written English: "Because thousands of people are still going every day Pont de l'Alma, we have to contribute to this day unforgettable." A "special tour of the last trip of Diana, from the Ritz to the l'Alma bridge" is included in the price of a room.

The offer may well be the first of many efforts to merchandise the anniversary of the tragedy. A company called Bonjour France is also *offering tours covering the* route taken by the Princess's Mercedes from the Ritz in the Place Vendôme through the tunnel beneath the Pont de l'Alma. The tour will then pause at the "Flame of Liberty", the sculpture above the tunnel that has become an unofficial *shrine to the Princess, before moving on* to view the apartment where she and Dodi Fayed were heading.

Tourists will then be bused along the route taken by the ambulance to La Pitié Salpétrière hospital, where the Princess died on August 31. The bus tour costs £15 per passenger; those who want to replicate the trip as closely as possible can try "a Mercedes limousine with chauffeur and guide" for $500.

"It is exactly the same model of Mercedes as the one in the accident," Emile Carciari, one the tour organisers, said proudly. M Carciari said that no French people had raised any objections to the tour. "It's very, very important, and many people ask us how they can get to the spot where the accident took place. The French understand the pain of the English, and the Americans are also very moved. Eighty per cent of them want to see the site."

He added: "It's a tour like any other. People want to go to see the tomb of the Empress Josephine at Malmaison, so why not a Diana tour?"

Prince's aides to look into claims of abseil risk

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Prince of Wales has asked senior aides to conduct *a thorough investigation into* allegations that Prince Harry abseiled down a 156ft dam without a helmet or safety line on an adventure trip to Wales, but sources said yesterday that he was keeping an open mind until the inquiry ended.

Every member of the party, which included Tiggy Legge-Bourke, the Princes' former nanny, will be questioned by senior members of the Prince's staff to determine whether Harry, 13, was put at risk.

Prince William, 16, and royal bodyguards were among the party of eight on the trip to the Grwyne Fawr Reservoir in the Black Mountains, near Miss Legge-Bourke's family home at Crickhowell.

If the claims are true, Prince Harry is likely to receive a stern lecture from his father. Miss Legge-Bourke — who is thought to have organised the trip — will be reprimanded by the Prince of Wales, who is said to be deeply concerned.

Prince Harry's descent of the dam was captured on camera by a holidaymaker, who sold it to a newspaper. A special permit is normally required from Hyder, the Welsh utilities company, for abseiling on its dams, and participants have to sign an *indemnity in case of injury*.

Yesterday the company said it had decided not to prosecute Miss Legge-Bourke for trespass. Hyder said: "We have *no record of having been* contacted by anyone requesting permission to abseil at Grwyne Fawr Reservoir recently. Permission for abseiling at Welsh Water sites is given on rare occasions, mainly for charity events. In these cases, we always check that the organisation is competent and fully insured.

"We reserve the right to *prosecute trespassers* but this happens rarely and we have no plans to do so in this case. The safety of people on our property is our main concern and we will be *writing to the* organisers to point this out."

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Couple confined girl aged five in filthy room for 15 months

Parents jailed for six months after failure of social services, reports Simon de Bruxelles

A COUPLE shut their five-year-old daughter in an unfurnished room, boarded up the door and windows and kept her there in appalling conditions for 15 months, a court heard yesterday.

The parents were jailed for six months for cruelty to the girl, who was wearing a soiled nappy and could barely speak when eventually rescued.

In a report to Cardiff Crown Court a consultant paediatrician described it as "the worst case of gross emotional deprivation I have ever met in my 18 years in the job". Social workers had been aware of the little girl's plight but had failed to take action.

The court heard that the girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was confined between the ages of three and five. Ieuan Bennett, for the prosecution, said the girl was first discovered shut up in the room in May 1996.

Mr Bennett said: "During a routine visit in May 1996, a social worker noted the youngest daughter was missing. When she went to investigate she found the girl in the room. The door to the bedroom had been removed and wooden boards had been nailed across it up to the height of 5ft.

"Conditions were filthy in contrast with the rest of the house which was very well appointed. Her brothers and sisters were kept in comfort.

"It seems the parents singled out their youngest daughter for this treatment and she was made into a scapegoat."

All the windows except for a tiny skylight had been boarded up and the only furnishing in the room was a dirty mattress. The walls were caked with faeces, there was no carpet on the floor and the parents did not let her have any toys.

The court heard social workers made regular visits to the house in Caerphilly, near Cardiff, and conditions began to improve. Mr Bennett said: "Over the next six months the boards on the door and windows were removed and a baby-gate was put up instead.

"However, for some reason, the visits stopped for eight months and when social worker Marlene Anderson visited the home in August 1997 she found the room had returned to its original form.

"The doors and windows were again boarded up and the room smelt heavily of urine and faeces. The child was in the room, whimpering and crying 'drink, drink'.

"Again there was only a filthy mattress and no toys. She was dressed in a baby-grow suit which had been turned inside out so she couldn't take it off. She was wearing a nappy which she had soiled."

The parents, who cannot be named to protect the identity of the child, were eventually arrested in August last year. They told police they had boarded up the room for the girl's own safety to stop her wandering around the house.

Mr Bennett said: "The officer asked the father if there was a way of opening the boards. The father replied 'This is how you open it' and began punching and kicking the boards."

When asked why they had done it, the mother told Miss Anderson: "I wouldn't keep the worst baby in the world in these conditions but what can I do? She just crawls everywhere. What's a mother supposed to do?"

The couple burst into tears as they were each jailed for six months after admitting child cruelty. Judge Christopher Morton told them: "You caged your daughter in that room and left her in a very distressed state.

"She suffered profound and prolonged neglect at your hands. But you are intellectually limited and your other children need you so the sentence is much shorter than it would otherwise have been."

The girl has since been toilet trained and is now speaking normally after being placed with foster parents.

Dewi Evans, of the Singleton Hospital in Swansea, said: "I am mightily unimpressed with social services and the way in which they have cared for this little girl over the past years. The social workers on the scene compiled full and accurate reports. However, the management appears ad hoc and piecemeal."

The social services department responsible for the care of the girl blamed a previous local administration for not acting to protect her. Caerphilly County Borough Council took over from the former Mid Glamorgan County Council on April 1, 1996.

Chris Lawrence, Caerphilly County Borough Council's director of social services and housing, said: "This case came to light as a result of these actions by Caerphilly County Borough Council. It was as a result of this change in management culture that appropriate action was finally taken."

"A report produced earlier this year referred to a management culture in one district of the former Mid Glamorgan which discouraged front line social workers from pursuing child protection inquiries. Caerphilly County Borough council is having to deal with the legacy of these problems."

PETER NICHOLLS

A pot flagon found at the site near Ashford: archaeologists have removed more than 3,000 artefacts

Housing project uncovers lost Roman market town

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

A ROMAN town has been discovered on farmland near Ashford, Kent, by builders making trial excavations for a housing development.

The town, previously unknown, appears to have covered 25 acres with hundreds of houses around a crossroads. The size and layout were calculated from magnetic measurements of the soil, which can show any evidence of disturbance.

Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit also dug 23 trenches, and removed more than 3,000 artefacts. Brian Philp, director of the excavation, said: "It was clearly a market town and a stopping place for long-distance travellers. It seems to have consisted of large areas of timber-framed buildings, resembling a frontier town at the very edge of the great Wealden forest which stretched westwards for over 80 miles."

The unit is keeping the precise area of the town secret, to discourage treasure-hunters. During the excavations and geophysical surveys more than 800 individual features were found, including enclosures, pits, ditches, post-holes and hollows. The roads were easily defined by drainage ditches which ran alongside, and in one place two layers of metalling were found.

A large ditched enclosure lay at the north of the settlement, and there are also areas of likely industrial activity, such as hearths or kilns. The geophysical survey showed that the roads were flanked with rectangular enclosures which appear to be house plots.

Only one of these was excavated, and it was found to contain a substantial timber-framed structure.

The town was occupied from soon after the Roman conquest until it was finally abandoned in the 4th century. The large enclosure appears to occupy the actual junction of two major roads, one running southwest from Canterbury to the Weald, and another running westward from the coast towards Maidstone.

As a Roman settlement, Ashford lacked grandeur, Mr Philp said. "When it was abandoned in the 4th century, the buildings gradually rotted and collapsed and the site disappeared under trees and bushes, where it remained lost for the next 1,600 years."

The discovery persuaded the developers of the site, Wilcon Homes, not to build where they had originally intended, which is in fact the main area of the Roman town, but to exchange it for another area not originally included in the plans. Roads running [illegible] will be raised to a higher level to avoid damage.

GLIMPSE OF A PAST LIFE

SMALL settlements such as the one at Ashford were the backbone of the Roman settlement of Britain (Nigel Hawkes and Norman Hammond write).

The Ambridges of their day, they were occupied by shopkeepers, innkeepers and artisans such as farriers, wheelwrights and carpenters. Comparatively few had been identified in Kent, and it is surprising that it has taken two centuries of organised archaeology to find this one.

Only rarely do these sites hint at the life lived there. An exception is Braughing in Hertfordshire, where the edible snail was imported from Gaul by the Romans. When the site was excavated in the late 19[illegible] archaeologists discovered a breeding colony of the snails still surviving.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Farmers demand silence

Farmers called yesterday for picnics, kite-flying and "any activities generating noise" to be banned on land opened to public access under measures being considered by the Government.

Kate Ashbrook, of the Ramblers' Association, accused farmers of being selfish and small-minded. The farmers were responding to a proposal to open up 3.5 million acres to the public.

Unhealthy drug

One in six patients is being given antibiotics for viral infections such as colds that do not respond to them, a survey by *Health Which?* reveals. The BMA said: "Some good may come out of this if it helps to ease the pressure from patients for antibiotics."

Into thin air

Police fear that a new trend in car crime could be imported from America. Up to 600 air bags a week are stolen in the US. So far there are no figures for thefts in Britain but motor industry executives regard it as a growing problem. *Autocar* magazine reports.

Editor dropped

John Mulholland, the former editor of *The Guardian* media section who was hired to change *The Sporting Life* into a general sports daily, has been dismissed by the Mirror Group. A new editor is being sought for the paper's delayed relaunch.

Poet honoured

Ted Hughes, the Poet Laureate, has been appointed a member of the Order of Merit. The appointment of Hughes, 68, brings the Order, which is in the personal gift of the Queen, to its full complement of 24. The Order was founded in 1902 by Edward VII.

Long-lost love

A love letter written by a Cambridge don in the 17th century has gone on display in Sidney Sussex College's library after being discovered, covered in mouse droppings, by Doug Larkin, a workman who was trying to repair a leaky bath.

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Stunt rider injured in fall under Tube train

A MAN who fell into the path of a Tube train while attempting a cycling stunt was in a critical condition last night.

The 20-year-old man had sped into the ticket hall and bumped down the stairs on his mountain bike. However, he missed the last step and skidded off the platform into an oncoming Piccadilly Line train at Barons Court.

Bill Marsh, 78, a newspaper seller who saw the incident, said the man was saved from death by his bike, which stopped him from being dragged under the wheels. He said: "He cycled straight under a train, the driver didn't have a chance to stop.

"I think the bike saved his life. Three carriages went over him, but his bike protected him from the train wheels. Without it, he would definitely have been killed."

An air ambulance, four fire engines and two ambulances were sent to the scene. Surrounding roads were sealed off for more than two hours after the accident.

Mr Marsh added: "The paramedics were down on the platform with the boy for an hour. Then the police came up and said, 'Look away if you don't want to see him.' He was strapped to a stretcher and obviously unconscious." Station staff refused to talk about the incident.

Bullied girl committed suicide, coroner rules

By Stewart Tendler

A SCHOOLGIRL who was tormented and bullied for being overweight committed suicide with a massive overdose of painkillers, an inquest decided yesterday.

Kelly Yeomans, 13, was called Fatty, Tramp and Slowmans by other children for more than two years, the Derby coroner was told yesterday. Days before she died her family home had been pelted with eggs, butter and stones.

The schoolgirl was found dead by her father in her bedroom last September. The inquest was told that she had 13 times the minimum lethal dosage of the drug, co-proxamol, in her blood after she swallowed 40 pills normally used by her mother for a knee complaint.

Mrs Yeomans said that in the nights preceding her daughter's death the family had been the target of a number of attacks. Eggs had been thrown the front door of their home in Allenton, Derby, and Kelly and her sister Sarah had been verbally abused.

Mrs Yeomans said that Kelly was teased at her school and had been assaulted, on one occasion having her new glasses smashed by a bully. On another occasion her new trainers had been thrown into a bin, along with her school bag. Mrs Yeomans said she had been to the school to complain 30 times but nothing had been done. She said that a few days before Kelly's death the teenager had spoken of killing herself. "She said, 'It is nothing to do with you, Daddy, nothing to do with you, Mummy, and nothing to do with you, Sarah. I have had enough and I'm going to take an overdose'."

Kelly: was bullied about her weight

Mrs Yeomans said that, although she believed her daughter, whom she described as being a bubbly and caring girl, was upset, she did not think for one minute that she would kill herself.

Ivan Yeomans, Kelly's father, said: "The bullying at school started from day one when she first went two years ago. They mainly teased her because she was overweight and this really upset her."

On the night she died she had come to him and said: "God bless you Dad. I love you Dad". Mr Yeomans added: "She said that every night but there was one thing she forgot. She always said, 'See you in the morning'. That night she never said that."

When police searched Kelly's room after her death, they found a note written by the teenager claiming that her mother and sister were picking on her. Mrs Yeomans said: "She may have thought this was the case, but all we were trying to do was to help her. I loved my daughter."

One of Kelly's tormenters told the court how he would often verbally abuse her because she was "odd". She wore unfashionable clothes and was introverted, the 17-year-old claimed.

Peter Ashworth, the Derby coroner, recorded a verdict of suicide. He said there were three factors why Kelly chose to end her life: teasing and harrassment at school, bullying in the streets, and her home situation.

He described Kelly as a particularly vulnerable girl who would have been deeply upset by the verbal abuse she suffered. "On the spur of the moment she decided she had had enough and decided to take her life."

After Kelly's death five youths aged between 13 and 17 were given attendance centre orders by Derby magistrates after admitting causing intentional harrassment to the Yeomans.

Knock seeks to close the door

Audrey Magee on travellers who are unwanted at international shrine

CLERGY and shopkeepers at Knock, the Roman Catholic shrine, are seeking to force out 350 travellers who have set up home in the public car park.

The travellers, in 50 mobile homes, have draped washing lines across statues and turned the once pristine West of Ireland shrine into a mess. The clergy, shopkeepers, Gardai and council want them out before the weekend when 200,000 pilgrims are expected for annual devotions to the Virgin Mary.

"Everybody is welcome in Knock but we can not tolerate what is going on," said a Church spokesman. "Pilgrims are moving out, terrified of being robbed. Those who come are being intimidated by beggers who will not accept 10p but demand £5 and £10."

About 20 traveller families arrived last week at the camping ground. When more followed, they all moved into the council-owned car park.

John Kelly, chairman of the Knock Development Association, said: "Two thirds of the car park is filled with these caravans. Last night we had fighting on the streets. This is not conducive to an international shrine."

Travellers, often very religious people, make annual pilgrimages to Knock, but never before have they come in such numbers or set up home in the car park. Some of the travellers, particularly the women, are praying every day but most are using it as a base to sell carpets and furniture to people in Mayo.

Patrick Healy, one of the travellers, said that they wanted to stay in Knock until after Sunday's special day of prayer. He has offered up to £2,000 to farmers willing to accommodate the travellers. To date, he has not found a farmer to take up his offer.

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Avengers are keeping out of the picture

Film and stars are absent from launch intended to revive heroic TV duo, reports Carol Midgley

IT WAS all jolly strange. A celebrity launch of a £40 million film version of *The Avengers* went ahead last night without the stars who play the cool British television heroes. Even stranger was the absence of the film itself.

In a highly unusual move, Warner Brothers has decided to dispense with the tradition of a gala premiere for its summer blockbuster, and will release the film worldwide on Friday without a single critic having seen it. There have been no official previews or screenings and the film's production has been shrouded in secrecy, amid rumours that there have been last-minute editing problems.

Warners says it is because it wants the public to see the film first". Experts, however, believe the studio knows the film will be panned by critics.

Asked why the stars had declined to come to its British launch at a West London nightclub, a Warner spokeswoman said: "It is not that they didn't want to come. Uma Thurman has just had a baby and Ralph Fiennes is in Budapest filming his next project."

Thurman plays Emma Peel, the role originally made famous by Dame Diana Rigg, and Fiennes plays dapper hero John Steed, originally played by Patrick Macnee, in the film set in swinging 1960s London. Sean Connery is cast as the villain, Sir August De Wynter.

One film expert said: "There has been tons of advertising and trailers, but the critics are effectively being banned from passing opinion before it goes out. It all seems highly suspicious. It suggests Warners don't have a lot of confidence in their product."

Jeff Kaye, European bureau chief of the *Hollywood Reporter*, added: "Traditionally, this is a strategy used to bypass the reviewers when they know they have got a stinker on their hands. They try to get as many punters as possible to see it before word of mouth gets around."

Films can survive a critical pasting if word of mouth attracts viewers. *Bean*, adapted from *Mr Bean*, with Rowan Atkinson, was panned by critics but still made more than $200 million worldwide. *Batman*, which also received some poor reviews, grossed $400 million. Last year, Warner Brothers took legal action against the *Daily Mail* over a report suggesting that executives had been unimpressed by *The Avengers*.

In the adventure, Steed and Mrs Peel set out to defeat the evil Sir August's plot to play havoc with the British weather. According to the US critic Harry Knowles, who runs a maverick Internet film magazine on his *Ain't It Cool* website, the few who have seen the film in test screenings have not liked it: "The preview audiences hated the film. One guy claimed he loved the original *Avengers* series, but couldn't stand the new movie."

Some of these audiences' verdicts have been posted on Knowles's website. One alleged that, at a test screening in Phoenix, Arizona, "nine out of ten people hated the film".

A recent contributor to the website said he had attended a trade screening of *The Avengers*, and added: "The movie is really abysmal. Its incoherence is matched only by the utter lack of enthusiasm by any of the actors. If Ralph Fiennes underplayed Steed anymore than he already does, he would disappear altogether."

Boyd Farrow, the editor of *Screen International*, said: "Not having press screenings is done very, very rarely. The last time it happened with a big film was with *The Scarlet Letter* [starring Demi Moore], which sank like a stone."

At last night's party, at the Leopard Lounge in Fulham, Suggs, former signer with Madness, performed alongside Utah Saints and Roni Size. Guests included Grace Jones, John Cleese, Malcolm McLaren, Denise Van Outen, Emma Noble and James Major.

Long-distance call: Uma Thurman, in a scene as Emma Peel, is at home with her new baby, while her co-star, Ralph Fiennes, is said to be filming in Budapest

The TV originals: Diana Rigg and Patrick Macnee

Desert rock is confirmed as a Martian invader

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

A METEORITE that had been sitting in the Sahara for 40,000 years originated on Mars, researchers from the Open University declared yesterday.

That could make its owner a very rich man, because Martian meteorites have become extremely valuable since scientists from the US space agency Nasa suggested two years ago that they had found signs of life in one.

The 2.2-kilogram meteorite, whose owner has not been named, could be worth about £1.4 million, some estimates suggest. It is only the 13th such meteorite out of 20,000 in collections around the world that can be proved to have originated on Mars.

Alien meteorite could be worth more than £1m

The team established that oxygen trapped inside a section weighing 0.15g, which it was given to examine, had a particular composition that identified it as originating from Mars. The leader, Professor Colin Pillinger, said yesterday that he was "absolutely sure" of its origins.

Lucky 13, which is the size of a grapefruit, is the only meteorite known to be from Mars in private hands and the scientific community hopes it can get hold of a small chunk for further analysis. All the other 12 are owned by the US Government or museums, including the Natural History Museum in London.

The meteorites were formed when a comet or asteroid collided with Mars at least a million years ago, "splashing" rock into space. The fact that it has been weathering in the Sahara for 40,000 years means that it is unlikely to advance the question of whether there is, or has been, life on Mars. The sample will have become contaminated with Earth-based life, so any evidence would be equivocal at best.

The claim that another Mars meteorite, Allen Hills 84001, contains evidence of life has divided the scientific community since it was first advanced in August 1996. The majority has always been sceptical, but Professor Pillinger remains optimistic.

He said: "I think the conditions on Mars are far more appropriate than we thought they were maybe five years ago. We certainly know now there was water trickling around Mars, and water is the essential condition for life."

Ian Wright, a researcher, said: "Clearly we won't ever be looking for any advanced forms of life, but, in the microscopic record, there could be a rich variety of things."

Most people believe the controversy will be settled only by going to Mars and collecting samples. Professor Pillinger is a leading supporter of one such project that aims to put a robot explorer on the surface of the planet in 2003.

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'Marriage from hell' led placid wife to kill

A mother of five who stabbed husband to death after 24 years of violence and abuse is allowed to walk free from court

A MOTHER who stabbed her violent husband to death after enduring a "marriage from hell" for 24 years escaped a prison sentence yesterday.

Diane Clark, 42 — described at the Old Bailey as "placid" — plunged a kitchen knife into the back of her husband, Graham, as he leant into a cupboard looking for suitcases after telling her to move out of their home. Placing Clark on probation for three years, Judge Gerald Gordon spoke of a "smoking fuse of provocation" that led her to snap and behave "totally out of character".

Clark had endured years of violence and forced sex, said Peter Feinberg, QC, for the defence. Her husband was so jealous that he had forbidden her to consult a male doctor. She was "genuinely devastated" by what she had done. "This was a marriage beset by bouts of, at first, drunken violence and forced sex, and towards the end, violence and forced sex without even the drink. Coupled with that, there was unbridled and totally misguided jealousy."

In August last year, he said, Clark failed to find refuge with the police and went instead to the hotel where she worked. When she returned to her home, it had been ruined. Mr Feinberg said: "The kitchen she had waited for for a long time and bought with £2,000 from her parents was spattered in paint and partly destroyed. The rest of the house was in an appalling condition."

Mr Feinberg said that, during the 24-year marriage, Clark's friends had noticed that she frequently wore long-sleeved jumpers and sunglasses to disguise the bruising her husband had inflicted on her. He said that she had coped with the lack of money and had brought up five children as the breadwinner at the couple's home in the Farncombe area, near Godalming, Surrey.

"Having lived in what some people may describe as a marriage from hell for some 20 years, and having to cope with the knowledge of what she has done since she killed her husband, our submission is that she has already received the severest punishment that anyone could be given," he said.

Steven Kramer, QC, for the prosecution, said the Crown accepted her guilty plea to manslaughter on the basis of provocation and offered no evidence against her in respect of a charge of murder. The judge had backed the Crown's decision and said that a trial would "certainly achieve nothing" and would be a "very traumatic experience for members of the family".

The court heard that, on September 23 last year, Mr Clark told his wife to move out. He said he would help her by getting bags for her from the loft, the door to which was through a bedroom wall. Clark went downstairs, armed herself with a knife and returned to the bedroom. She followed him to the door of the loft and stabbed him twice in the back and twice in the left shoulder while he searched for suitcases. Mr Kramer said: "Mr Clark was described by various witnesses as lonely and without friends, sullen, and not a good communicator. When sober, he was said to be pleasant, but his temper could flip. When drunk, his personality changed and he became argumentative, aggressive and violent."

He was also a gambler and had criminal convictions, some for assault, dating back to his teenage years. He was often out of work, leaving his wife to bring in the money by working as a hairdresser and a hotel waitress. She was described by witnesses as "placid" but, from 1977, had been prescribed drugs for anxiety.

Outside court, Clark said: "I'm very relieved. My overwhelming worry has always been for the children. It was only after we married that that side of his personality became apparent. You always expect things to get better. He would never have let me go."

Hilary Tipping, director of Domestic Violence Care, which offers help to victims, said: "It is a brilliant decision. There is only so much a person can tolerate. There comes a snapping point and it is usually after many, many years."

SIMONE SMITH

Diane Clark leaving the Old Bailey: "I'm very relieved," she said

Surgeons remove Leeson's tumour

By Richard Duce

NICK LEESON, the trader jailed in Singapore for bringing about the collapse of Barings bank, was recovering last night from surgery to remove a tumour. The operation to cut out cancerous parts of his colon and large intestine had been scheduled for today, but was brought forward after Leeson, 31, complained of abdominal pain.

Surgeons carried out the operation at Changi General Hospital in Singapore on Sunday, and it was said to have gone well by Stephen Pollard, Leeson's solicitor in London. It is thought that another operation may be needed to deal with the spread of the cancer to his lymph nodes.

Leeson is now 2½ years into a 6½-year sentence imposed for illegal trading that left Barings with debts of £860 million. His lawyer in Singapore, John Koh, has submitted an application for him to be transferred to a British jail, but any such move would require the consent of Singapore's President.

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Sailor died as clothes caught in boat engine

By Simon de Bruxelles

A COMPUTER consultant died after being trapped in an engine of his £250,000 catamaran while sailing with his family.

Lawrence Browne, 47, was with his four children, wife and mother-in-law on their boat, *Kalymnos*, when he went below decks to check the engines and was dragged into the machinery.

Coastguards gave his family advice on first aid over the radio [illegible] Nicolette, 17, [illegible] to look in the 43ft catamaran.

Mr Browne, a consultant with IBM's innovation and design department at Havant, Hampshire, was on deck watching his sons Oliver, 16, and Alex, 15, night-sailing while his wife, Meryl, daughter Katie, 11, youngest son Joshua, 8, and mother-in-law, Stevie Pitman, were asleep.

Mr Browne went below decks to check the French-built boat's two 27hp engines and part of his clothing, believed to be his safety harness, got caught in one of the prop shafts. He was pulled into the engine block and crushed to death.

Jim Anderson, a coastguard who was on watch at Portland when the call came in, said: "He was unconscious and had stopped breathing. We gave first-aid advice to the crew, but, because of the nature of the accident, the type of injuries and the victim's position, it was not possible to help the man."

Rescuers on the Mudeford Inshore Lifeboat freed Mr Browne from the engine compartment and brought him ashore, where he was certified dead.

Mrs Pitman said: "He loved sailing; his boat was his absolute joy and his family are completely devastated."

An investigation by the Dorset Coroner has begun. A post-mortem examination has been carried out and an inquest will be held.

CORRECTION

The man pictured in clown's costume (photograph, July 29) was not, as incorrectly stated in the caption, Uri Geller, and we apologise for the mistake.

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Peril grows from town with mink under its feet

Adrian Lee reports on how 3,000 escaped predators are spreading out

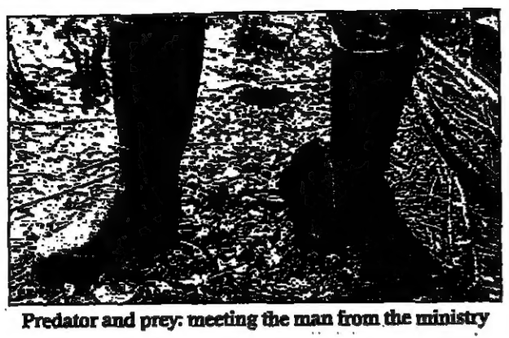
THERE were mink in the dustbins, mink in a dog kennel and a pub, even a mink in a bedroom, as 3,000 vicious little predators fanned out around a New Forest community yesterday. Police warned parents that young children should not be left alone, and especially that babies should not be left unguarded in prams.

"The mink are everywhere," said PC Rob Ellis, a wildlife liaison officer with Hampshire Police. "You name it, they have been there."

The police were hosting an emergency meeting of landowners and government and conservation agencies to discuss strategy as the mink enjoyed their third day of freedom since being released from a Ringwood fur farm by animal-rights activists. It was clear they were adapting well. One mink played between the green wellingtons of John Walsha, from the Ministry of Agriculture, as he spoke to me.

He was there to advise on the siting of 20 steel-mesh traps provided by his department, but he pointed out: "The ministry used to employ trappers to try to get rid of mink, but they were catching so few they gave up.

"They are very adaptable. They can climb, they can swim and, at this time of year, they have plentiful food. I think their chances of surviving in the wild are very good."



Predator and prey: meeting the man from the ministry

A few of the mink have made their own way back to the Crow Hill fur farm to a welcoming meal of dead chicken. Most are still believed to be within a five-mile radius, but one was reported nine miles away, towards Southampton. A pensioner's cat became the first domestic fatality yesterday, and a gamekeeper on the Bisterne estate shot a mink that had killed 19 young pheasants in a pen.

The warning issued by police said: "Members of the public must be very careful of these animals, particularly in wooded areas. Young children, especially babies in prams, should not be left alone, certainly not outside houses in the vicinity of Ringwood. Mink are extremely nasty, particularly when cornered, and they go for the throat. This can be particularly hard for parents, considering the hot weather, but the mink are entering houses."

One householder who found a mink at home trapped it in an upstairs bedroom until someone from the fur farm came to collect it. There is no reward for the mink. Their pelts will not be mature until the autumn, when each will be worth £10 to £30. They can be killed legitimately in the wild, but capturing them for fur production would be illegal without a licence. It takes up to 60 to make a coat.

By yesterday evening, fewer than 50 more had been recaptured, or shot, outside the farm's perimeter. Police rejected offers from hunt groups to join the search, fearing they would attract saboteurs.

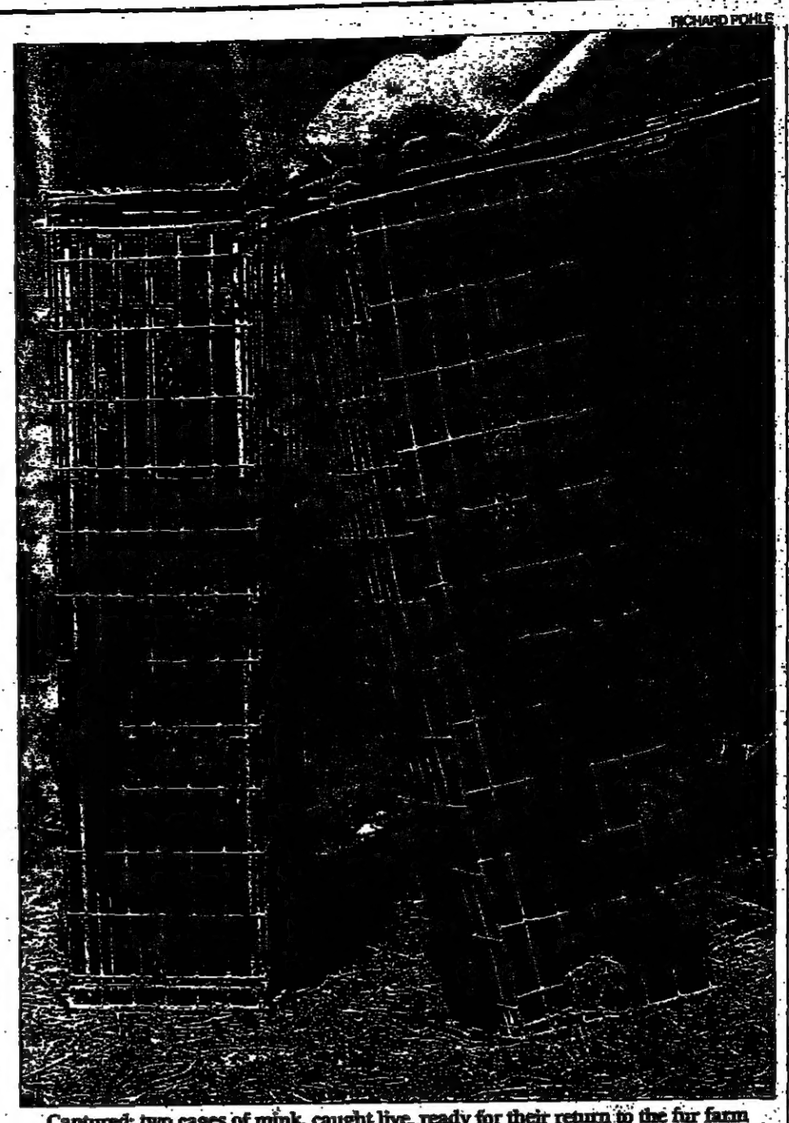
Farmers are blasting the mink with shotguns. "What else can we do?" said Frank Brewer, head gamekeeper on the 4,000-acre Bisterne estate and the man who shot the mink that killed 19 birds. "I am putting traps down around the pens, but they won't stop the mink climbing in."

He felt more could have been done on the first day to contain the mink. His neighbour's chickens were also attacked. "From what I have seen, the mink are doing pretty well."

When established, the mink breed in March and it is feared that they will quickly saturate the area. Rare water voles on the River Avon are thought to be at risk.

The Animal Liberation Front tried yesterday to deny that the influx would harm local wildlife. Robin Webb, a spokesman, said: "Many of the mink are going to die. At least they will have had a taste of freedom. Some will survive and be able to live in a natural way. If they had remained, all would have been killed simply to make fur coats."

RICHARD POHLE



Captured: two cages of mink, caught live, ready for their return to the fur farm

Bathers cover up to avoid shell cuts

By Tim Jones

HOLIDAYMAKERS took to the sea in old trainers and jelly shoes yesterday to avoid the danger of being cut by hidden razor shells on Devon beaches.

After Sunday, when more than 130 people emerged bleeding from the sea at Presto and Paignton beaches in Torbay, signs warned people against the danger of swimming or paddling barefoot. Torbay council staff handed out hundreds of notices telling people of the risks. They were warned in particular to take precautions during the afternoon low tide.

Because of unusually low spring tides, people have been able to paddle out much further than normal to where the razor clams have been congregating in unusual numbers. The council also heaped small piles of the shells near the warning notices so people could be aware of what to avoid.

Tony Hodgkiss, the council's chief executive, said the crowds heading for the beaches indicated that people had not been frightened into staying away. "The water is quite safe and we are asking people to take simple precautions by putting something on their feet," he said. "Once the shells are broken they are sharp and dangerous and must be avoided."

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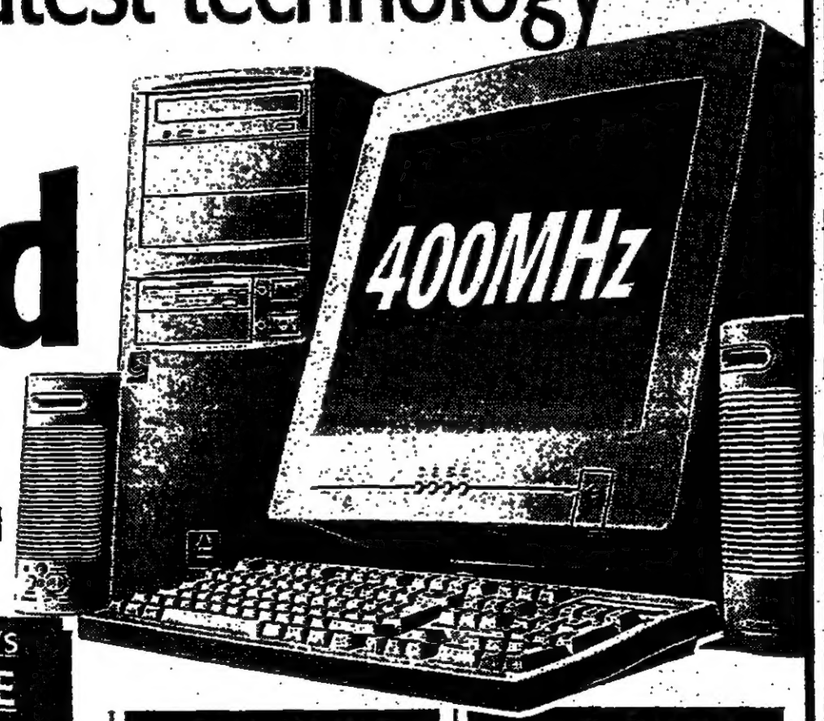

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Workers were too tall to pluck chickens

By Simon de Bruxelles

TWO men who were turned down for jobs plucking chicken because they were too tall were victims of sexual discrimination, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Lincoln Dodd, a 6ft 7in rugby player, and Barry Sele, 6ft 2in, were rejected by the American-owned Sun Valley Foods, which said that their height would make it difficult for them to work on the production line. The pair, who have both worked for the poultry and meat-packing firm in the past, are claiming sex discrimination on the ground that more men than women would fail to meet the company's height requirement.

Mr Sele, 21, said he was astonished to be told during a pre-employment medical that he was too tall for the job. He said: "The nurse asked me how tall I was. She said they had just brought in guidelines saying they were not accepting people of a certain height.

"I was not measured, apart from my overall height. I was very upset when I did not get the job."

The tribunal, in Hereford, was told that Sun Valley rejected applicants over 6ft 5in and referred those between 6ft 3in and 6ft 5in to its occupational health centre. The company argued that the policy was intended to screen out people with long spines as they were more likely to suffer from back problems. But both men told the hearing that they had previously worked at the poultry-packing plant in Hereford without difficulty.

Phil Heinricy, founder of the Tall Persons' Club of Great Britain and Ireland, said the company had discriminated against men. Mr Heinricy, 6ft 8in, said applying any form of height limit would affect more men than women. He added: "Perhaps 40 to 80 times as many men would be rejected. Men are taller than women generally and if you judge purely by height you are going to discriminate against men."

Outside the hearing, which is expected to last two days, Mr Heinricy said the outcome of the case would have far-reaching implications for tall people throughout Britain, in particular since the population was becoming taller.

Sun Valley is owned by the US multinational Cargill and is Hereford's largest employer. Among its customers for pre-packed and processed meals are Tesco and McDonald's.

Before the hearing, a Sun Valley spokesman said the company was acting in a responsible manner in attempting to avoid injury to its employees. He said: "If you are more than 6ft 5in, it is likely you are so tall that you will damage yourself doing the job."

The hearing continues.

Grouse shoot in dampened spirit

By Gillian Harris, Scotland Correspondent

ON THE eve of the grouse-shooting season, sporting estate owners are bracing themselves for a dismal start.

The wet weather has wiped out thousands of young birds and the strength of the pound has discouraged some foreign visitors from making their annual trip to the grouse moors.

Already several parties from abroad have cancelled bookings worth up to £2,000 a day to the estate owners. According to the Scottish Landowners' Federation, the absence of paying guests and the shortage of birds guarantee a poor season.

"A lot of people will not be shooting at all this year," a spokesman said. "The only estates that might manage a reasonable season are on high ground in the Highlands, where the situation is slightly better."

The previously cold, wet summer has contributed to a dramatic fall in the number of grouse. Gamekeepers report finding hens drowned on their nests and thousands of dead chicks. Jamie Williamson, owner of the Alvie estate in Highland, said: "We had a good stock of birds going into the winter but, once the chicks were all hatched, we had ten days of torrential rain, sleet and snow, which wiped them out. Normally we shoot about 500 brace. Probably we will get about half of that this year."

The last good grouse-shooting season was in 1975. There are now about 300 grouse moors in Scotland, compared with 500 ten years ago. In 1989 the industry north of the border generated almost £10 million and supported about 2,300 full-time jobs. By 1994 the income had dropped to £8 million and the number of jobs had fallen to 1,250.

This year the season, which runs until December 10, is expected to bring in £3 million at most and provide fewer than 1,000 jobs.

Seaside scene recalls resort's days in the sun

Ramsgate once played host to royalty, but then became cockney day trip, writes John Young

THE ROYAL COLLECTION

Rich and poor rubbing shoulders at the water's edge, as depicted by William Frith in 1854. In today's equivalent scene, the tip of the obelisk can be seen behind the Casino nightspot

ON THE harbourfront at Ramsgate, just in front of the clockhouse which is now the maritime museum, stands a 50ft obelisk. The inscription reveals that it was erected in 1821 by the town's inhabitants and visitors, and by the directors and trustees of the harbour, as "a grateful record of His Majesty's [George IV's] gracious condescension" in choosing to embark from the port on a visit to Hanover, where, it will be recalled, he had family connections.

Today people travelling to Ramsgate to catch the ferry to France might see it as just another seaside resort a bit down on its luck. But Ramsgate is a lot grander than that and, if it doesn't live entirely in its past, it certainly cherishes it.

Designated by Richard III as a "limb" of the Cinque Port of Sandwich, it grew steadily in importance, first as a fishing village, then as a port and later still as a fashionable resort for the wealthy and famous. George's Queen Caroline took a fancy to the place, and Victoria stayed there several times as a girl with her mother.

Other notable visitors included Jane Austen, Dickens, Hans Christian Anderson and the painters Reynolds and Turner. Vincent Van Gogh worked there as a language teacher and Wilkie Collins wrote *The Woman In White* while living at 14 Nelson Crescent. Augustus Pugin designed St Augustine's Church and the Grange next door, where he lived for the last ten years of his life.

The town's Georgian and Regency heyday is recalled by several elegant squares, crescents and terraces. Wellington Crescent was erected on the site of the parade ground used by troops embarking for the Napoleonic Wars, and it was from Ramsgate nearly a century and a half later that the main fleet of "little ships" set sail for Dunkirk.

By 1851, when William Powell Frith spent his summer holiday in the town, the rapid development of the railways meant that it was attracting a much broader range of visitors. There were inevitably those who deplored the invasion of crowds from London, but Frith was not among them. "The variety of character on Ramsgate Sands attracted me," he wrote. "All sorts and conditions of men and women were there. Pretty groups of ladies were to be found reading, idling, working and unconsciously forming themselves into very paintable compositions."

The result is a wonderfully entertaining depiction of Victorian England at play. There were those who affected to find it distasteful; one critic called it "a piece of vulgar 'cockney business", which goes to show that there were at least as many pompous asses then as now.

The public knew better. When the painting was exhibited at the Royal Academy it was not only a huge popular success but found a ready purchaser in none other than the Queen, who, remembering her happy girlhood days at the seaside, persuaded her beloved Albert that they should fork out the princely sum of 1,000 guineas to acquire it for the Royal Collection. Its success inspired Frith to go on to paint the equally popular *Derby Day* in 1858 and *The Railway Station* in 1862. Each repays careful observation for the wealth of detail, colour and humour within.

The beach, the racecourse and the station were all places where the social classes intermingled. In *Ramsgate Sands* the "respectable" people appear to have brought their own — or, more likely, the hotel's — furniture down to the sands, and one gentleman is absorbed by his newspaper, ostentatiously oblivious to the noise and activity around him.

But not far from the group of young ladies attired in their holiday best are some unmistakably tougher eggs. A girl paddles, a younger one plays with what is presumably her parents' telescope, and a minstrel group provides musical entertainment. The whole panorama could be described as the visual equivalent of a Dickensian novel.

Today the obelisk and the clock tower are partly obscured by a featureless white building with a hideous blue-green roof that houses the Casino nightspot. The bathing tents have long gone and the seawater baths are an amusement arcade. Just above the beach, construction crews are at work on a marine esplanade, partly funded by the European Union which has designated the Isle of Thanet as a development area.

But the sands are still golden and fairly litter-free, and seagulls swoop over a surprisingly clear blue sea. A large and bustling marina has been developed and costumed guides introduce tourists to the town's history.

With its heritage and architecture, Ramsgate has a decidedly more upmarket appeal than some newer, brasher resorts. The marina attracts many small-boat sailors from the Continent, who provide something of a cosmopolitan flavour. Victoria, one suspects, would have been pleasantly surprised.

Ramsgate Sands: Life at the seaside is on display at an exhibition, The Quest for Albion: Monarchy and the Patronage of British Painting, at the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, until October 11.

☐ NEXT: *Pitlessie Fair*, by Sir David Wilkie

ARTISTS' BRITAIN

Today *The Times* continues its series on how scenes by great British artists have changed.

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ASHLEY COOMBES

Parachutist crashes to avoid crowd at festival

AN ARMY parachutist crashed to the ground at high speed as thousands of spectators looked on.

Timothy Wallace, 25, an officer in the Prince of Wales' Own Regiment, suffered two compound fractures and two damaged vertebrae in the fall at the annual Leeds Mela festival on Sunday.

Although his parachute had opened correctly, Mr Wallace, from Dale Barracks, Chester, hit the ground as he tried to adjust his risers on the descent to the main arena at Roundhay Park to avoid landing amid the crowd of spectators. He was taking part in a two-man freefall display from 5,000ft.

He is understood to have hit the ground on his bottom and bounced. He remained fully conscious as St John Ambulance volunteers attended to him. He was reported to be in a stable and comfortable condition in hospital last night.

Memo to Bar Council admits 'ludicrous' fees

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

SOME barristers are claiming "ludicrously" high legal aid fees, a secret report prepared for the Bar Council has admitted.

They have claimed cash to which they are not entitled and some QCs have found that junior barristers working with them are putting in claims for huge sums.

The admission was made in a secret memorandum sent to members of the Bar Council's professional standards committee, which is preparing a response to the Government's high-profile campaign against legal aid fees earned by barristers. Mark Stobbs, head of professional standards at the Bar Council, says in the memo there are "anecdotal accounts of barristers claiming fees where they do not appear entitled to do so, or of silks discovering that their juniors are claiming ludicrously high amounts".

His memo adds: "One barrister sent in a response to the Inland Revenue ... indicating that he always inflated his fees knowing that they would be taxed down." The memo, disclosed in *The Lawyer* magazine, was sent as the Bar Council prepares a response to the drive by Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, who wants to see a crackdown on overcharging.

A list of about 20 barristers, whose fees have been heavily cut, has been given to the Bar Council by the Lord Chancellor's Department. The list, which has not been made public, is made up largely of barristers whose claims for legal aid work was cut by at least 50 per cent by officials in the department.

The Bar is considering making it a professional rule requiring barristers to "blow the whistle" on any colleague known to be submitting excessive claims. It is also studying whether to make it a disciplinary offence for barristers to overcharge by 50 per cent or more and to make barristers produce detailed work schedules for their cases.

A barrister found breaching the discipline code could be fined or suspended from practising. At present barristers who claim excessive fees can be disciplined only if they have been dishonest or breach legal aid regulations.

A statement from the Bar Council warned: "Any barrister who deliberately overclaims for legal aid work is bringing the profession into disrepute and we have always made clear that such practice is totaly unacceptable. We will not let the actions of any such barrister be used to undermine the Legal Aid system which underpins justice."

Under existing rules barristers put in a claim for legal aid work to the Lord Chancellor's Department based on preparation, type of case and days in court.

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Flying reminder on safe holiday sex

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

YOUNG people are to be given a safe-sex message on charter aircraft taking them to their breaks in the sun. The dangers of a casual holiday romance are to be highlighted just as the plane is landing and all the passengers are strapped in their seats.

The Health Education Authority hopes that the video-screen message, along with a voiceover on the loudspeaker, will ensure that holidaymakers take more care. A second message for the return journey will offer advice for those worried that they have picked up a sexual infection. Over the next three months, the authority expects to get its message over to more than six million travellers in this way, 250,000 of them young people.

The campaign is being launched after a survey showed that almost one in six people aged 18-32 has had sex with a new partner on holiday and that only half used a condom. Only one in eight thought that the danger of HIV infection was an issue for travellers. While 83 per cent of travel brochures recommend insurance, 69 per cent give advice on immunisation and 45 per cent warn about sun exposure, only 3 per cent give advice on safe sex.

Club 18-30 said that, for the past seven years, it had provided safe-sex advice to travellers, including a voucher entitling them to free condoms.

The authority is also distributing posters to nightclubs, reminding young people to include condoms in their holiday luggage.

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Hottest month fuels fear on global warming

By Damian Whitworth in Washington

ALTHOUGH it may not have felt like it in Britain, July was the world's hottest month since records began, according to figures released by the White House yesterday.

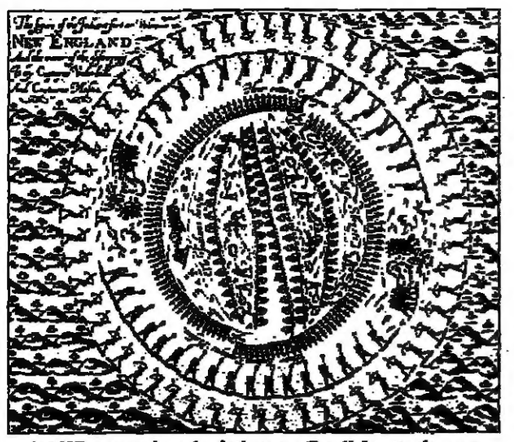
Vice-President Al Gore, who disclosed the new data, said it was a clear indication of global warming, evidence for which was rising "even faster than the thermometers".

The figures, from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, show that the average global temperature last month was 16.5C (61.7F), about 0.7C above normal for July. This was almost 0.3C higher than the previous hottest month — July last year.

This year began with the warmest January since records began 118 years ago. Every following month also broke the record for that particular month. But July, Mr Gore emphasised, was not just the hottest July on record but the hottest month on record. He added that for records to be broken every month this year could not be an accident, and the phenomenon was clearly due to global warming.

Mr Gore said that stepping outside in parts of America now was like "opening the oven to check on the cookies", adding: "If we don't do something about global warming, what we have experienced this summer is going to get to be a lot more common, and it will get worse. But the good news is, we can stop this."

☐ Nicosia: Forty-eight people have died and hundreds more have been taken to hospital suffering from dehydration or sunstroke as a heatwave that began last week continues to grip Cyprus, authorities said. *(Reuters)*



A 1637 engraving depicting an English attack on a Pequot fort, one of the artefacts in the new museum

Casino tribe in $193m homage to heritage

From Tunku Varadarajan in New York

A NATIVE American tribe who once verged on extinction celebrated their rebirth yesterday by opening a glamorous museum of their history that is worth $193 million (£119 million) — all paid for by slot-machines at the Indians' own nearby Connecticut casino.

Foxwoods Resort, the biggest casino in the Western hemisphere, is better known by far than the Mashantucket Pequot tribe who own the gambling complex.

However, the museum opens an intriguing new phase in the history of the tribe, marked through the years by dramatically changing fortunes. Steve Dennin, the director of marketing and development, said: "It's the only museum of its type in the world in terms of being about, owned and operated by indigenous people."

The Pequots were once a major force in southeastern Connecticut, occupying about 250 square miles and numbering 8,000 people by the early 17th century. Then the English came. The tribe was nearly wiped out in the Pequot War of 1636-38, when the English were assisted by the Mohican and Narragansett Indians, and the survivors were kept in servitude by the Pilgrims.

By 1910, the tribe was in terminal decline with only 66 Pequots in America. Their descendants, however, proved a redoubtable lot, recovering their ancestral lands in a series of 1970s lawsuits. They won their battles in court and, aided by generous state laws and a more favourable political climate, ran high-stakes bingo on their reservation.

In 1992 they set up Foxwoods in Mashantucket, and today's 550 Pequots live as well as Texan oil barons. The museum, which is reached by a brief shuttle ride from Foxwoods, covers a sprawling 308,000 sq ft site.

Displays cover every period of Pequot history, from the glacial age 11,000 years ago when their ancestors are believed to have trudged into the region, to the pre-Foxwoods days, when tribe members eked out a grubby existence amid trailers and alcohol.

The centrepiece of the museum — which also boasts a research centre for students of Native American history — is a Pequot village representing the tribe's way of life in the days just before the Pilgrims' arrival.

The village is a remarkable — and expensive — *son-et-lumière*: water gushes in a reconstructed riverbed and 110 speakers emit the sounds of crickets, geese and dogs. There are 50 simulated trees, with five million green polyester leaves, each hand-painted with dabs of yellow, bronze and ivory.

W. Richard West, director of the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian Institution, told *The New York Times* that the new venture was poetic justice for "a people and a culture that had been left for dead".

He said: "The Pequots were historically one of the most potent political and military forces on the East Coast. Now they've come full circle. No one can say the glory of native culture is a past phenomenon."

This glory has come from a less than glorious source, of course, but the Pequots are unabashed by their museum's link to Foxwoods. The money needed to build the place and stock it with artefacts is the equivalent of four months' takings from their slot-machines.

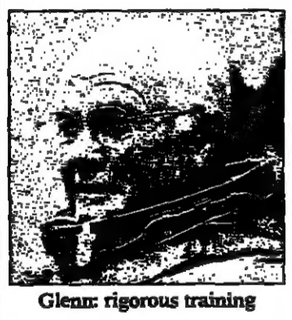
The tribe insists, however, that their desire for a museum predates Foxwoods by several years.

Theresa Hayward Bell, executive director of the museum, said: "This is the culmination of a dream of 30 years, to tell the largely unknown story of the Pequots and to preserve our culture and history."

DENNIS FINNIN

A museum diorama showing Pequot Indians hunting caribou as they moved on to what became their East Coast tribal lands 11,000 years ago

Veteran Glenn flexes muscles for return to space at 77



Glenn: rigorous training

From Ian Brodie in Washington

WHILE his fellow US senators headed for the beach and other holiday spots yesterday, John Glenn began the toughest month of pre-flight training for his return to space at the age of 77.

Senator Glenn will become by far the oldest astronaut when he blasts off in the *Discovery* shuttle on October 29 for a nine-day mission. Yet he already runs rings around the rest of the crew in terms of endurance, according to Rob Navias, a Nasa spokesman, who said: "He has absolutely no flab. His stomach's as flat as a board."

For the next four weeks, Mr Glenn will carry out gruelling exercises, training and emergency procedures. It will be reminiscent of Mr Glenn's training when he became the first American to orbit Earth in 1962 in his *Mercury* spacecraft. In the 36 years since, his hair has turned from red to white. He weighed 12st then and has added a few pounds in the intervening years, but will not say how many.

Nowadays, he speed-walks two miles a day, works out on a treadmill and lifts weights. The shuttle's quarters are spacious compared to *Mercury* — so small that astronauts joked they did not so much climb inside the capsule as put it on.

The trip is a huge publicity bonanza for Nasa. Mr Glenn's declared mission is to help to study the effects of space travel on a septuagenarian. Some sceptics have publicly questioned the flight's scientific value. John Pike, director of space policy for the Federation of American Scientists, told *Time* magazine: "It has everything to do with making the country feel good. It's about the right stuff, not science. Which is fine with me."

☐ Moscow: Yuri Baturin, 49, a sacked presidential adviser, will be part of a three-man rocket team to blast off from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan on Thursday. He is scheduled to spend ten days on Mir, conducting scientific experiments. *(AFP)*

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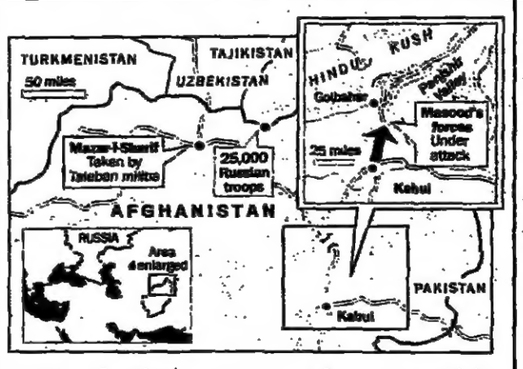

Taleban's triumph over Masood forces alarms neighbours

By Christopher Thomas, South Asia Correspondent, and Zahid Hussain in Karachi

THE battle for control of Afghanistan moved decisively to the northern outskirts of Kabul, the capital, yesterday after the fall of the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif to the Taleban Islamic militia. The developments are viewed with mounting alarm by Russia and the Central Asian states as well as Pakistan.

Taleban forces intensified their attack on the Panjshir Valley stronghold of General Ahmed Shah Masood, the Tajik leader, now the biggest obstacle to Taleban's ambitions to control the entire country. He is heavily armed with Russian weapons, but has been driven back out of range of Kabul. With his supply routes from Tajikistan threatened, he could eventually be vulnerable.

Given his oft-proven military prowess, however, it could be a long battle. The Taleban tactic of buying off its enemies will not work with General Masood: the hero of the guerrilla war against the Soviet occupation forces has dug in for what could be his decisive fight for survival.

With almost the entire country now under Taleban's control, the hardline Islamist movement will seek formal international recognition as the legitimate Government of Afghanistan. It is claiming the right to take Afghanistan's seat at the United Nations. Most countries still recognise the Government of the ousted President, Burhanuddin Rabbani, which ruled through military might.

Central Asian states now face the potentially destabilising prospect of Taleban forces occupying territory along their southern borders. The militia has always insisted that it has no territorial ambitions but the presence of an extremist religious group on the frontier could have a destabilising impact right through the region.

For Pakistan, as well, there are dangers, even though it played a pivotal part in the creation and sustenance of Taleban, especially after its emergence in 1994. Taleban leaders may covet border areas in Pakistan's tribal regions where Pashtuns predominate; for many tribal leaders, the dream of forging a nation called Pashtunistan is very much alive.

At the weekend, thousands of students of *madrassas* (religious schools) across Pakistan went to Afghanistan to reinforce Taleban positions. Most are Afghans, but there are also many Pakistanis among them who wanted to participate in what they describe as jihad (holy war).

For years the schools have provided the fighters for Taleban. Its victory has given a new stridency to the Islamist forces in Pakistan and there are growing fears that the war-hardened religious students may fuel Islamic extremism in a country torn by sectarian conflict.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Balloonist Fossett recovers from fire

Rio de Janeiro: Steve Fossett, the American millionaire adventurer who is attempting his fourth round-the-world flight in a balloon, is back on course over the South Atlantic after repairing damage caused by a small fire on board (Gabriella Gamini writes).

The fire, started by a leak of liquid propane from a pressurised fuel hose, damaged two of the balloon's four burners. Mr Fossett suffered a slight burn and singed eyebrows while extinguishing the fire, but is said to have been able to get all of the burners working again.

Latest reports from his mission control centre in St Louis, Missouri, said that he had covered 2,900 miles and was "cruising on course" towards South Africa.

Leak theory in ski tragedy

Sydney: The worst landslide in Australia's modern history, which killed 18 people and flattened two ski lodges, may have been triggered by a leaking pipe, an inquest heard (Roger Maynard writes). In 1984 engineers laid a pipeline along the Alpine Way. It was probably a leak from that pipe that slowly undermined the road's foundations and led to the landslide, the New South Wales Coroner was told. The inquest into the disaster at the ski resort of Thredbo last July is expected to last until December.

Tea poisons Japan workers

Tokyo: An office tea break yesterday proved hazardous for ten employees who collapsed in agony after drinking tea made with hot water from an urn that may have contained poison (Robert Whymant writes). Police in Niigata, northern Japan, said they were treating the incident as a deliberate poisoning, and a possible copycat crime inspired by a mass poisoning incident little more than a fortnight ago. The ten were said to be in a stable condition in hospital last night.

Troops kill 27 Algeria rebels

Algiers: Troops have killed 27 Muslim rebels, most of them in a forest in southwestern Algeria, in military operations, local newspapers reported yesterday. Nineteen members of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), Algeria's most radical guerrilla faction, were shot dead over the past few days in the forest near Tiaret, 125 miles southwest of Algiers, the daily *L'Authentique* said. Troops were continuing to comb the Tachta forest and a nearby mountain province. *(Reuters)*

Pope casts his Net wider

Rome: The Pope will take his message to millions of cyberspace Catholics from the weekend when Internet users around the globe will be able to hear his teachings live via their computers, the Vatican said yesterday. The world's one billion Roman Catholics will hear and see the pontiff recite his Angelus prayer on Sundays and follow other Vatican ceremonies. The website is http://www.vatica.va

Maoris 'came from China'

Wellington: Ancestors of New Zealand's Maoris and the other Polynesian peoples of the Pacific came from mainland China, according to research on human DNA. Dr Geoffrey Chambers, a Victoria University scientist, said the migration took place over many centuries, with people island-hopping from Taiwan, through the Philippines and Indonesia to west Polynesia, east Polynesia and then New Zealand. *(AP)*

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Dozen bombing suspects held

Round-up of Muslims may indicate pressure to get results, **Inigo Gilmore** reports from Dar es Salaam

TANZANIA

THE Tanzanian Government said yesterday that it had detained a group of suspects in connection with the bombing of the American Embassy in Dar es Salaam.

In Washington, the State Department confirmed that it had received information that three groups of suspects had been detained. A source close to the investigation was quoted as saying that a dozen people were in custody and most of the suspects were Sudanese or Iraqi nationals.

"We have just gotten word that the Government of Tanzania has announced that it has detained three groups of suspects," said Susan Rice, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. "We don't know the precise identity of those suspects or whether they will turn out to be an important lead in this investigation."

However, concern is growing that the Tanzanian authorities, under pressure to get results, may have made a routine round-up of nationals from Muslim countries who might typically be linked to Islamic fundamentalism.

Wilson Mwansasu, the Tanzanian commissioner of police in charge of administration, said the authorities were also investigating newspaper reports indicating the arrest of a suspect in the northern town of Arusha. Quoting reliable sources, believed to be local intelligence officers, one newspaper said the suspect was a male of Arab origin who left Dar es Salaam for Arusha and was detained as he tried to cross the border into Kenya.

American diplomats in Tanzania are being cautious in saying anything about their investigations. The embassy has been tightly sealed as FBI investigators pick their way through the debris surrounded by sandbags and razor wire.

Attention has been focused on the surveillance camera that was trained on the main entrance and is believed to have filmed the sequence of events leading up to the bombing. Embassy officials have confirmed the camera was operational at the time of the blast and the camera is still visible mounted on top of the embassy, unlike in Nairobi where the force of the blast blew the cameras off.

American officials have not commented on what they have discovered, if anything, from the footage which may hold vital clues for the blast investigators.

A US diplomat, at an off-the-record briefing last night, told journalists that a routine siren check had been carried out at 10am on Friday, just 39 minutes before the blast.

The diplomat said there were three types of siren which respectively indicated a fire, a bomb in the embassy or a terrorist attack, and confirmed that the routine weekly check had been successful.

Earlier, FBI pathologists had begun the grim task of carrying out post-mortem examinations on the victims to discover the precise causes of death. Two bodies were subsequently released for burial and the funeral of Mtendje Rajabu, a female security guard, was held at a village on the outskirts of the capital last night.

It was confirmed last night that a Kenyan national, Abdurahman Abdalla, was killed while visiting the embassy just one week before he was to move to the United States with his American wife Susan Hirsch, a Fulbright fellow.

He had come to the embassy to cash a cheque and was standing outside when he was caught in the blast.

ALEXANDER JOE / AFP

Marines carry an American victim's body on to a US-bound plane in Nairobi yesterday

Family mourns death of mother in blast

BY DAVID ORR

LAST Friday 32-year-old Margaret Akinyi said goodbye to her husband and four children and travelled by bus into Nairobi. An office cashier, she worked on the top floor of Ufundi Co-op House beside the American Embassy. Her job helped to support an extended family living in a few rooms in the poor suburb of Pagoretti.

Margaret's body now lies in a Nairobi mortuary. Her right side is slightly bloodstained and her features are swollen but otherwise there is no sign of injury.

No one has described Margaret Akinyi's final moments and they almost certainly never will. She was probably doing routine chores. Nothing could have prepared her for the huge blast that reduced her five-storey block to rubble. Her body was dug out on Sunday. It is not known whether she died instantly. I know a little about Margaret because her brother works where I live. George was on night duty when I heard his sister was missing. He had visited nearly all Nairobi's hospitals over the weekend but had been unable to trace her.

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He came into my house, and we made some telephone calls, establishing that she was in Nairobi City Mortuary.

We found her lying on a wet floor, wearing a dress with a cardigan over it and sandals on her feet. On the slabs around her were more than a dozen other bodies from the blast, some of them carbonised, one cut in half.

I drove George out to her family's home. A lot of people were sitting in a small room watching an American sitcom on a black and white television. Among them was Maurice, her husband. At first silence greeted the news, then Maurice started wailing. His young children stared at him as he collapsed on to the floor crying "My wife is dead."

He and other family members identified her body yesterday. The children keep asking where their mother is.

Moi rules out hopes of finding more survivors

FROM DAVID ORR IN NAIROBI

KENYA

THERE are probably no more survivors in the rubble of a building that collapsed in Friday's embassy bomb explosion in Nairobi, President Moi of Kenya said yesterday.

"I don't think there are any human beings alive inside now," he said when he visited the site before it was evacuated because of the risk of more buildings collapsing.

Earlier, Israeli rescuers had said a Kenyan woman, buried in the crumpled office block, could still be alive. The woman, known only as Rose, had been pinned under tonnes of masonry. The rescuers said yesterday morning that they could hear tapping coming from the huge mound of rubble but later lost communication with her.

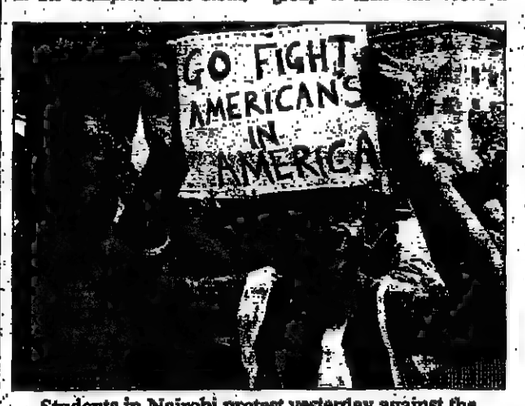
At least 200 people were killed and nearly 5,000 injured by the explosion. Testimony from survivors indicates that the attack was carried out by a group of men who drove a vehicle into a car park behind the American Embassy before detonating the bomb. The emerging picture is of a truck entering the parking area, driving past a first car park attendant before being stopped at a second checkpoint as it tried to enter a car park under the embassy.

Several survivors report hearing a grenade-type explosion before the bomb blast. There are also reports of a gunfight.

"We've got reports of shooting and of two people running away from the scene before the bomb went off," a Kenyan police spokesman told *The Times*. "We're still trying to establish if it was a suicide bomb or if it was set off by remote control."

Israel army radio reported yesterday that the device probably contained Semtex plastic explosive. The use of such material would point to the involvement of a sophisticated terrorist group with a highly lethal armoury.

Britain has offered to supply a burns and plastic surgery unit to treat the many people who suffered horrific facial injuries. Nearly three tonnes of medical aid has been flown to Kenya from Britain and more is expected to be delivered in coming days.



Students in Nairobi protest yesterday against the bombing of the American Embassy in the capital

Clinton pledges to defy terror threats

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON, expected to be in attendance when the bodies of American victims of the US embassy bombings arrive at Andrews Air Force Base on Thursday, said yesterday that investigators hunting the perpetrators had already found evidence, adding that the search would not be deterred by further threats of violence.

"Our teams are on the ground in Africa. They are tending the wounded, they are providing security, they are searching and finding evidence. We will do whatever we can to bring the murderers to justice," he said.

"There has never been a time in human history when we have been free from the organised forces of destruction. And the more open the world becomes, the more vulnerable people become to those who have organised and have weapons, information,

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technology and the ability to move. We must be strong in dealing with this ... There is no way out if we start running away from this kind of conduct."

Evidence emerged yesterday that the bombers had displayed breathtaking calm and determination. The US State Department said investigators had discovered that the driver of the lorry carrying the Nairobi explosives was turned away from the front gate but calmly drove to the rear. A guard who was on duty at there has said that he challenged the driver but hand-grenades were thrown at him and the lorry forced its way in. Investigators believe that the carnage could have been even greater if the bomb had gone off at the front of the building.

Suspicion continues to focus on Ossama bin Laden, a Saudi dissident in Afghanistan. The International Islamic Front, which he is thought to lead, resolved to hit American interests at a June meeting.

West steps up Congo pullout as fears of anarchy increase

Kabila vanishes and Cabinet loyalty crumbles in face of Tutsi rebel raids, **Sam Kiley** writes from Kinshasa

WESTERN embassies yesterday continued to evacuate their citizens from Kinshasa as the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo appeared on the verge of collapse.

Half the Cabinet have taken fight or defected, and President Kabila has disappeared.

Yesterday Italian families were flown out of Kinshasa close on the heels of scores of Americans and other nationals who fled the Congolese capital after warnings from diplomats that anarchy could break out in the city.

President Kabila, who deposed the late Mobutu Sese Seko in a rebellion backed by Rwanda and other states, including Angola, 14 months ago, has not been seen in public since last week when he left for a summit in Zimbabwe. His aides said he was in Lubumbashi, in Hatanga province.

When asked on Sunday night when the President would return, his chief aide, NdoMbassi Yerodia, puffed enigmatically on a long Havana cigar and said: "In hours — that means in two, perhaps 72," then shrugged. His statement did little to reassure the city that the Congolese Government has a grip on power as it faces a rebellion among the predominantly Tutsi fighters and Rwandan officers who installed it.

Two weeks ago, Mr Kabila's Foreign Minister, Bizima Karaha, and Deogracias Bugera (both Tutsis) defected to the rebels and announced that they would depose the President. Last Friday, another four Cabinet ministers sneaked out of the country, officially to attend a conference. All had been issued visas for Portugal.

"It's a desperate situation. We are trying to get permission from someone in the Government to give safe passage to innocent Tutsis who are being arrested and killed every day, and we don't really know who is left to talk to," said a European ambassador. "It would be hilarious if it were not so tragic."

Fears that the rebels, who have again been backed by Rwanda, would try to carve out a Tutsi superstate in the east along the borders with Tutsi-dominated Rwanda and Burundi have been allayed by attacks on installations and towns along the Atlantic coast. But concerns that there appears to be no one in charge in Kinshasa have prompted Western missions to speed up evacuation plans from a city defended by inexperienced soldiers whose Rwandan officer corps now forms the backbone of the rebels.

There is no doubt that the rebels could take Kinshasa pretty quickly," a Western military analyst said. "Our concern is what happens in the meantime."

Mr Kabila's generals have promised a long war against the rebels, who have already taken most of the east of the country as well as a naval base and towns near the Atlantic coast. Yesterday the army claimed to have retaken Boma, near the oil town and key port of Matadi.

The alliance of Rwandan and possibly Ugandan troops lined up against Mr Kabila is almost a carbon copy of the one assembled to depose the late Mobutu.

Officially, Angola remains friendly to Mr Kabila. About 1,000 Angolan commandos have been based in Kinshasa for more than a year, and intelligence sources said that another 2,000 were camped across the Congo River in Brazzaville.

"Frankly, the only thing that gives us any confidence that there will not be a breakdown in Kinshasa is that the Angolans might change sides. They could then prove the decisive factor and secure the city before the various elements of Kabila's forces go crazy," the Western ambassador said.

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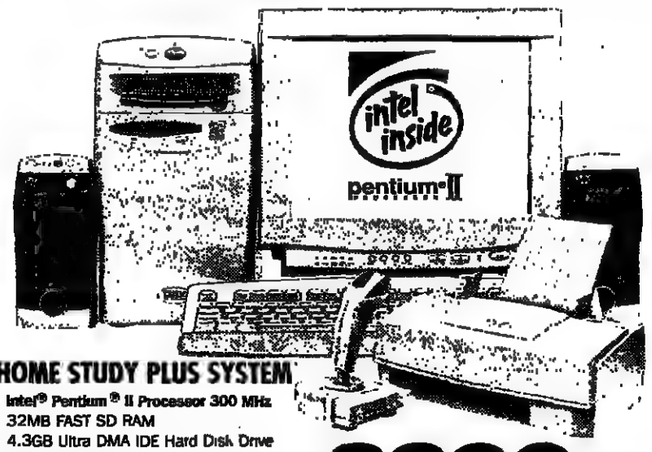

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Tiny Caribbean island votes on breakaway

David Adams in Charlestown finds Nevis is ready for a split from big sister St Kitts

ABOUT 4,500 voters on the idyllic 36 square-mile Caribbean island of Nevis went to the polls yesterday to decide whether it should secede from its sister island of St Kitts to become a nation of 10,000.

An independent Nevis would rank among the world's smallest countries, second only to the Holy See and the phosphate-rich Pacific island of Nauru.

Nevis's quest for independence worries other Caribbean leaders who say it weakens the region's collective negotiating strength. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, said yesterday that such a move would have a damaging effect on the island — joined politically with St Kitts by Britain and independent as a state since 1983 — and the Caribbean region as a whole.

Smaller islands are also more vulnerable to drug traffickers and money launderers, who have made major inroads in the region in recent years. Nonetheless, Nevisians are determined to go ahead. The last informal poll, which was two decades ago, showed that more than 80 per cent supported independence.

Racially, historically and geographically, the two islands could not be closer. At the narrowest point they are separated by less than two miles of water, and over the centuries families on both islands have intermarried. Nevisians have long grumbled that they get a raw deal from the central Government in St Kitts. "We have always survived on cast-offs and leftovers," said Mark Brantley, a 29-year-old Oxford-educated lawyer who chairs the Nevis Constitutional Committee.

According to an island saying, Nevisians are "tired of bones in me rice and pepper in me soup". They rattle off a litany of woes: the island's only road is potholed and has not been resurfaced since 1973; a multimillion-dollar airport, big enough to take international jets, is being completed on St Kitts, while Nevis is getting a smaller one to replace its wooden-shack terminal and "donkey track" runway.

Mostly though, Nevis has always seemed to come out on top. Local schools have dominated inter-island debates and quizzes. In cricket, Nevis has produced a crop of West Indies stars, St Kitts not one. At its height, the "Queen of the Caribees" produced 85 per cent of all the sugar in the British Empire. Nelson was married in Nevis and, in modern times, Diana, Princess of Wales, holidayed here.

Nevisians put it down to cultural differences. "In Nevis we are more quiet, more friendly than St Kitts. We value our cultural heritage," said Malcolm Guishard, Nevis's Deputy Prime Minister. Such statements arouse only derision in St Kitts. Joseph Edmeade, the Government's Chief of Staff, says: "In terms of culture we are one."

Independence call: a Charlestown poster

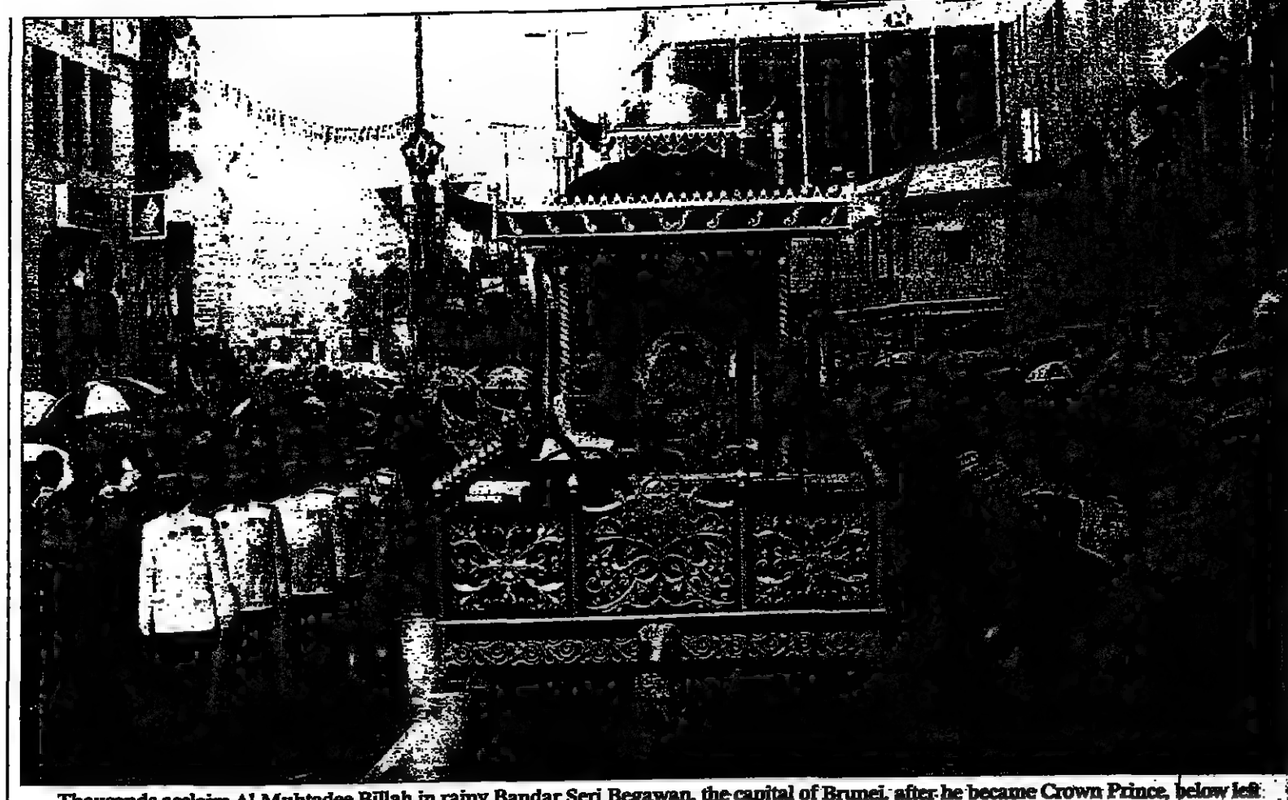
Virtually crime-free, the people of Nevis compare its tranquillity to St Kitts, hit by murders and drug-related crimes in the past four years.

To keep itself afloat financially, Nevis is staking its future on tourism and offshore finance. Some fear the financial pressures of secession might make it more willing to loosen its strict offshore practices.

"We don't have the ability to eliminate the rogues and vagabonds," said Joseph Parry, a leading politician who no longer backs secession, believing Nevis is not ready. "Sharks must be attracted. They must be smacking their lips."

Some islanders are concerned about their pockets. Fishermen worry about access to fishing grounds off St Kitts, and shoppers about the cost of living. Others accuse local politicians of selling out to foreign investors who might one day decide to take their money elsewhere.

The local administration is confident of a viable economic future. "The island is stronger now than ever before," said Mr Guishard.



Thousands acclaim Al-Muhtadee Billah in rainy Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital of Brunei, after he became Crown Prince, below left

Brunei installs successor to world's richest title

By David Watts

THE Sultan of Brunei did his best yesterday to set aside the scandals of lurid California lawsuits and a tearaway brother squandering the sultanate's fortune with a lavish celebration to anoint his successor.

In a ceremony that dates back 600 years, the Sultan installed Al-Muhtadee Billah, 24, as the Crown Prince who will automatically inherit the title and fortune of the world's richest man. The move was an attempt to overcome a rash of negative publicity that has left the tiny country reeling. First was a London lawsuit involving his brother, Prince Jefri, and allegations of a Pall Mall lifestyle involving international models at his beck and call. Thea Amedeo, the country's investment arm under the control of Prince Jefri, collapsed with debts of £10 billion.

Prince Jefri has claimed that his removal was a result of undue influence over Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah by unnamed Iranian and Libyan advisers. The Sultan's advisers deny the claim and regret that Prince Jefri stayed away from yesterday's ceremony — the first since 1961 when the 15-year-old Hassanal was proclaimed Crown Prince by his father, Sultan Omar Saifuddin. The sultanate dates back to 1365 and the continuation of its royal line means the maintenance of one of the oldest ruling dynasties in the world.

The new Crown Prince is a pop music fan and an accomplished snooker player who studied at Oxford under a commoner's name. He completed two years at the university in 1997. After Oxford, where he was enrolled as Omar Hassan, the Prince returned home to assume his full royal name, Yang Teramat Mulia Paduka Seri Duli Pengiran Muda Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah.

He was one of 30 students from Europe, Asia and the Americas to be admitted to Oxford's Foreign Service Programme. While a student at Oxford, he periodically assumed his royal mantle and met world leaders including Tony Blair and Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General.

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Why it pays to shop around in Europe

Roger Boyes finds that consumers face widely varying prices within the EU's supposed single market

THE thrifty citizen of Europe earns his keep in Luxembourg, lives in Athens, pays taxes in Britain, smokes in Spain, drinks his beer in Germany and soothes his headache in Ireland. *Focus* magazine, drawing on a wide statistical base, yesterday painted a picture of Europe deeply divided by its prices.

Britain emerges as both attractive and frighteningly expensive. Its standard income tax rate is the lowest in Europe, equal with Portugal, according to *Focus* figures. Denmark, with a rate of 62 per cent, heads the table but is surprisingly good value for money. Its buying power — measured by the number of minutes a steelworker needs to earn the equivalent of a 2.2lb loaf of bread — is second only to Britain. The British steelworker needs seven minutes, the Danish worker eight. Their Swedish counterpart has to work half an hour.

By far the most expensive way to buy a Mercedes C180 or a Volkswagen Golf is to go into a British showroom. Even German car buyers will be better off travelling to The Netherlands or Spain.

London rents are also now completely out of line with the rest of Europe. *Focus* estimates that a three-room flat in London will cost, without extras, around £1,500 a month. The same-sized flat can be had in Athens for £200, in Berlin for £250, in Madrid for £300, in Brussels for £350 and in Luxembourg for £500.

Naturally these are statistical snapshots: Berlin rents are unusually low at present, while London's are untypically high. The gap is huge. The second most expensive rents in the European Union are in Ireland, at £500 a month.

Food is cheaper in Britain which, apart from Portugal, has the least expensive bread in the European Union. France, land of the baguette, is the most expensive. Pasta is cheapest in Italy but Britain is not far behind. For understandable reasons, Britain also has some of the cheapest beef in the EU. Germany and Denmark are the most expensive countries for fish, fresh fruit, beef and coffee. British butter is the cheapest. Spanish the most expensive. Denmark, a major dairy producer, has the most expensive milk, cheese and eggs; Britain and Portugal have the cheapest.

It has become expensive to have a tipple in Ireland. Wine there, and in Finland, is the most expensive and beer costs three times more than in Germany. Spain is still the haven for fast living — the cheapest cigarettes (about half the price of British), the cheapest wine and bargain-priced beer.

Britain and Greece are the best places in the EU to fill up petrol tanks, Sweden and Italy the worst. Germans go across the frontier to Poland to find cheap fuel. Britain, Ireland and the Scandinavian countries are the best places to stock up on medicines, Germany and Austria by far the worst. In sheer economic terms it seems to be best to work in Luxembourg (even after high taxes, the average teacher takes home twice as much as in Britain), while living across the border in Belgium and doing food shopping once a week in Britain.

But this leaves out essential lifestyle elements. Britain, Belgium and Luxembourg have the lowest levels of sunshine in the EU, apart from Ireland. Even Finland has more sunshine than Britain and the Benelux states.

The economic drawbacks of Italy — the highest electricity prices in the EU — are outweighed by its more obvious attractions.

The tables are distorted somewhat by exchange rates. The strong pound ensures that Britain earns some negative commentary from the Munich-based magazine. *Focus* quotes a 42-year-old EMI executive in north London as saying: "It has become a luxury for us to eat in a restaurant as a family. A meal for two in a good restaurant can easily come to £100." That is a matter of astonishment for German readers: £100 — DM300 — buys a good meal for four in a Berlin restaurant.

The differences between EU countries are camouflaged to some degree by exchange rates. From 2002, however, mainland European prices will be in euros rather than in individual national currencies. Questions will then be asked about why the price of a carton of milk can fluctuate by up to 50 per cent in a supposedly united Europe.

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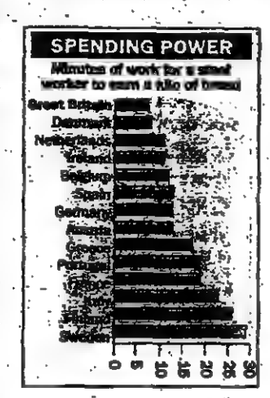

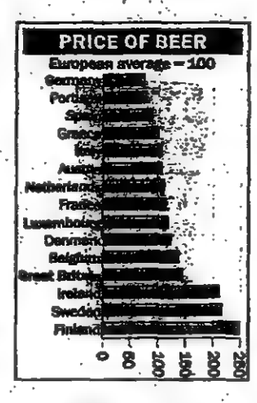

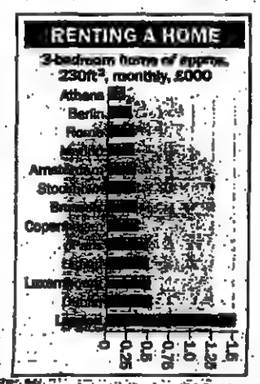

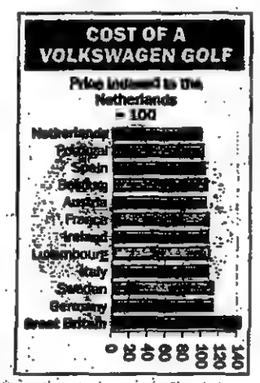

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The record album which John Lennon, left, autographed for Mark David Chapman hours before he shot the former Beatle outside his home in New York in December 1980, is being offered for sale for $1.8 million (£1.1 million). Prosecutors against Chapman — pictured, right, in a court sketch — used the record cover and dust jacket as evidence in the trial. The ghoulish artefact is now in the possession of Gary Zimet, a dealer in autographs and historic letters, based in Washingtonville, in New York state (Tunku Varadarajan writes). Mr Zimet says that he is selling the album, *Double Fantasy*, on behalf of an anonymous vendor, reported to be the fan who found the album at the scene of the murder and kept it as a memento. According to Mr Zimet, the album bears the words "John Lennon 1980" on the cover, written in Lennon's hand, as well as Chapman's forensically-enhanced fingerprints. Chapman, who was 25 at the time of the shooting, was jailed for a minimum 20 years.

Corsican 'hitman' bungled murder

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

CORSICAN police claim to have unravelled a bizarre murder case involving a tough septuagenarian millionairess who survived repeated attempts to kill her, a son who allegedly plotted matricide to get his inheritance, and a hired hitman whose enthusiasm was matched only by his incompetence.

Three times in a month Jean-Paul Moulin, 42, tried to kill Catherine Jean, the widow of a wealthy Corsican lawyer: at first, police say, he killed the wrong person; on his second attempt he proved unequal to the task of subduing the elderly woman and had to flee; then he ran into Mme Jean's lodger, a member of the French Foreign Legion, who disarmed him and summoned the police.

M Moulin's arrest and confession last week were swiftly followed by the arrest of Bernard Jean, 51.

Last Thursday M Jean was brought before Judge Gérard Egron-Revereau in Bastia and charged with complicity in murder and attempted murder. "He denies it without denying it. He doesn't say no or yes, but as soon as he is asked a question about his mother, he clams up," an investigator told *Libération*.

According to investigators M Jean, who lived in Cagnes-sur-mer near Nice, met M Moulin, an unemployed former soldier, while the two walked their dogs on the Mediterranean beachfront. M Moulin told police they agreed M Jean would pay him Fr20,000 (£2,000) to kill his estranged mother, 77. The son was said to be "obsessed by the size of the inheritance which he felt had been unjustly kept from him".

On July 10 M Moulin first broke into Mme Jean's Calvi home. As he explained to police, he found an elderly woman in the kitchen, whom he suffocated. But she was a visitor — Germaine Belliard, an 85-year-old cousin of Mme Jean. A doctor concluded that she had suffered a heart attack.

Mme Jean, now a local heroine, told the *Corse Matin*: "What saddens and upsets me is not the knowledge that my son may have wanted to eliminate me in order to inherit, but rather that my cousin should be dead in the circumstances I have just learnt about. That, I will never forgive."

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Passion for life: Habie Schwarz, pictured left, talks to Julia Mason, who is able to communicate only through blinking her eyelids. Creative writing is one of Julia's great joys

Disabled by prejudice

Why does one in three of us believe a person in a wheelchair can't be intelligent? **Habie Schwarz** reports. Photograph: **Chris Harris**

Claire asked me, after we had spent the afternoon together, "Have you read Ian McEwan's new book? It's his best yet..." A straightforward enough question, although it took Claire some moments to ask it. Her speech was slurred, halting and slow. Her features were constantly twitching and her body jerked every now and then in her wheelchair. Nothing unusual if you have cerebral palsy. So why did her question surprise me? What had I expected her to say?

After all, we liberal middle classes don't hold prejudices against other people and we never make assumptions based on physical appearance. Or do we? I'd always supposed I was free from personal prejudice, until I came into contact with disabled people and realised you can't always predict your own reactions.

What do we assume when we see a person in a wheelchair, someone with a twisted body, someone who speaks with difficulty; or someone whose facial expressions are dictated by their failing muscles rather than their emotions? Meeting Claire was my first experience of disability. I was helping her, through a community scheme, to move house. Afterwards, as we chatted, I was struck by the discrepancy between her ponderous speech and her razor-sharp mind, her lolling head with saliva-stained chin and her personality full of all the usual contradictions. It was only after a while that I noticed how bright her eyes were.

In a survey of public attitudes published recently, the disability charity Leonard Cheshire discovered that one in three able-bodied people agreed with the statement "some people think a person in a wheelchair cannot be intelligent". Could I, a liberal with a privileged international background, be part of the more bigoted section of the public? On the face of it, no. I don't consider "different" to be a value judgment. But deep down, where gut reactions dwell, I discovered some unwelcome assumptions. For the past few months I have been conducting focus groups with disabled people around the country, on behalf of Leonard Cheshire, which celebrates its golden jubilee this year.

At a Cheshire home near Cambridge, I met Julia Mason, a young woman who could move only her eyelids and her chin, with which she operated her wheelchair. The other residents and staff had learnt to read her eye language in order to talk to her. She joined our focus group, a friend observing her fluttering eyelids and translating for us.

Her comments were funny, articulate, cynical and, on the subject of her delight in creative writing, passionate. Her vibrancy, her humour, the affection in which the others held her, made me forget her shrivelled lifeless limbs within minutes. And yet her beauty — a luminous face that I will never forget — had taken moments longer to register than it would have if she had been standing tall. And most people never spend those few extra moments, the time it takes to see through a deformed body to the person within.

I wonder: how would I have responded if I had seen the woman with the fluttering eyelids while out shopping? I would have assumed her quality of life to be low, would not have seen the Stephen Hawking or Helen Keller in her damaged body, would probably not have wondered about her favourite mental activities. I would have noticed only the blighted existence visible at a glance. Spending time with disabled people taught me how often the rest of us, the able-bodied, make unconscious judgments in the blink of a sighted eye.

> 'Most of us never see the person within the disabled body'

I'd always assumed there weren't large numbers of disabled people in the UK, since I hardly ever noticed any. In fact, there are six million. One in ten of the population.

Claire had said that day: "I wonder what arthouse movies are like on the big screen? I've never lived near a good cinema with a ramp. I can only get into the local multiplex and watch rubbish."

Having no access to so many places which the able-bodied take for granted is an obvious form of the physical discrimination which disabled people face every day.

Emotional exclusion can be even worse, having to deal with the constantly inappropriate reactions of the able-bodied — pity, fear, rejection, distaste, contempt, or a patronising do-gooding which expects the disabled to be jolly, even thankful, when allowed into society. Meeting disabled people around the country, I found as much variety as in any large group of people. Some were positive, dismissing their disability to dwell instead on their passion for the Internet, riverboat trips, a friend, a lover, hobbies, work. Others were less light-hearted, and some expressed anger, a subliminal rage implicit in all their conversation. It was hard to bear.

I met people whose family or spouse had deserted them, people who had been able-bodied until an injury in an accident had left them suddenly paralysed, and young people with degenerative illnesses which they knew condemned them to an early, lingering death.

I could only try not to express pity, not to look down at the floor, and to banish my selfish fears of how vulnerable we all are to such a fate. I didn't show my sorrow.

I found another prejudice lurking in my unconscious. Since Leonard Cheshire is a charity providing services and care, I had assumed that its users would express gratitude for the services they are getting. I didn't stop to think that in our society, the basic tools for life are not a privilege but a right. None of the disabled people I spoke to saw Leonard Cheshire as a "charity", or themselves as charity cases. They simply wanted to lead as normal a life as possible, in their own homes or in care, to get on with it, and not to have to fight unnecessary battles.

I try to imagine what it must be like to overcome a physical disability only to find oneself in a world where the average person doesn't even notice that if you remain standing when you talk to someone in a wheelchair, you are talking down.

It would seem so easy to accept people at face value, not to make assumptions about their lifestyle or desires until you know more. But it isn't easy at all to discriminate between sympathy and empathy, pity and understanding.

I can now relate better to the sense of resignation I found among so many disabled people. Resigned to being considered stupid, to having to shout in frustration, out loud or internally: "Why are you ignoring me? I can't walk, but I can talk!"

My friend Chan, blind from birth, wanted to know: "Don't sighted people realise how annoying and destabilising it is when people in the street grab your arm to 'help you', making you lose your balance? Balance depends on having your feet on the ground and being able to feel your own space — can't people work that out for themselves before they drag a blind person along a zebra crossing in a way that makes them feel helpless? Sighted people want to help me, but they never ask what I actually need."

I love talking to Chan. He once asked me: "Are you pretty?" I nervously told him to ask his (sighted) wife. "She says she can't tell. European women all look the same to her."

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The benefits of taking a cannabis pill

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Doctor Cameron, before the days of drink-drive campaigns, would allow himself the pleasure of sharing a glass of whisky with a patient while doing his rounds. Patient and doctor would sit and discuss the person's symptoms. Dr Cameron would extol the virtues of a wee dram as a nightcap rather than relying on bromides or barbiturates, and then leave for Tannochbrae.

Those who think that Dr Cameron's bejeaned successors in *General Practice* will relive A. J. Cronin's scene, but substitute a shared joint for a Glenmorangie, will be disappointed. Overdue research into the medical benefits of cannabis derivatives won't lead to a GP relieving the tensions by smoking cannabis with a patient crippled with MS, spinal or brain injury.

When the extracts of cannabis, the cannabinoids, become available for clinical use it will be surprising if they are not marketed as white pills in plastic bottles. By the time the cannabis derivatives have been refined, it's probable that a way will have been found to isolate and remove those qualities which induce euphoria and intoxication.

Derivatives of cannabis, usually used as an extract in pill form or as a tincture, were in every doctor's dispensary before the war. They were used as part of a mixture to produce a degree of euphoria in terminally ill patients.

Looking at a prewar family surgery copy of *The British Pharmacopoeia Codex*, cannabis extracts were recommended as an anodyne sedative, to calm the hypomanic, as a nightcap for the overactive, to treat the spasmodic coughs of asthma and tuberculosis and to relieve painful periods.

It could be used in the treatment of the muscle spasms which affected multiple sclerosis, chorea, and Parkinson's disease. Cannabis extracts had the great advantage that they didn't cause loss of appetite or constipation.

It is likely that one of the first indications for the prescription of one of the cannabinoids will be the relief of the painful muscle spasms which can torment patients with multiple sclerosis and some cerebral and spinal disorders. All the indications for the use of cannabis extracts not involving its mood-altering capability are related to its ability to reduce muscle spasm, whether in the bronchial muscles which cause asthma and wheezing, in the skeletal muscles which give rise to spasticity, or in the female reproductive system which some say is responsible for the abdominal pain and backache associated with a period. It is usually estimated that 80,000 or 85,000 people in the UK have multiple sclerosis but the Multiple Sclerosis Support Group claims the figure is likely to be much greater.

Whatever the overall figure, 75 per cent of MS sufferers experience some degree of spasticity from time to time. The spasticity robs people with MS, or brain or spinal injuries, of the ability to control their movements. The painful spasms which occur in those with muscle rigidity can turn simple activities such as dressing or making a cup of tea into endurance tests. They can deprive the patient of sleep and may be so forceful that there are cases where the patient has been thrown out of bed, or has overturned a wheelchair. Not surprisingly, this increases the feelings of helplessness.

Although many patients do not achieve a satisfactory response to currently available anti-spasticity drugs, for 20 years there has been no new drug introduced to reduce spasticity in multiple sclerosis. Recently, Zanaflex tizanidine has been introduced and has been well reviewed in the *Archives of Neurology*, published by the American Medical Association. It is well ahead of any modified cannabinoids in the race to ease the life of the patients enduring these painful spasms.

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Zanaflex also enhances the effect of drugs taken to lower the blood pressure and increases the action of contraceptive pills. The dose of these may need adjusting.

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My career cost me custody

In a landmark US case, Alice Hector lost custody of her two daughters, aged 9 and 12, to her ex-husband, because their appeal court judges decided that she spent too much time at work to care for them properly

This woman lost custody of her children for getting home at 7pm, says **Barry Wigmore**

As a working mother, Alice Hector thought she had life organised quite well: up at 5.30am; water the plants, feed the animals, make the school lunches, make breakfast, wake the children at 7am, make the beds, take the children to school at 8am; then on to the office in which she worked as a high-flying lawyer until 6.30pm or 7pm.

She had followed the same routine, she says, since the children — now aged 9 and 12 — started school.

At different times, an au pair or a housekeeper was hired to collect her daughters, Avery and Baylor, from school, take them to the two or three hours of after-school activities that American children have just about every day, then prepare dinner.

For much of this time, Ms Hector's husband, Robert Young, 45 — a sometime architect, builder, publisher and photographer — was unemployed, although he was always busy "doing stuff", she says, much of which did not bring in any money.

So Ms Hector was devastated when, in an increasingly bitter divorce dispute, she lost custody of her daughters to her husband because three appeal court judges — all were men — decided that she spent too much time at work to care for them properly.

The decision, under new "gender neutral" custody laws which are rapidly being adopted in states across America, sent shock waves through the ranks of working mothers everywhere.

On the basis that what happens in the United States inevitably finds its way across the Atlantic, it bodes ill for career women in Britain as well.

In the US, the case is being watched closely by women's groups, which say that courts sometimes punish career women by favouring stay-at-home fathers in divorce cases.

Nancy Duff Campbell, co-president of the National Women's Law Centre, says: "On this basis, just about every working mother in America could lose her children."

However, others view the case as the natural result of the increasing number of marriages in which the husband becomes "Mr Mum".

Ellen Lyons, one of two lawyers representing Mr Young, says: "Times are changing. Women are over 50 per cent of the workforce, and some husbands are going to pursue careers in the home."

While Ms Hector appreciates these cold, legal arguments, her emotions as a mother are in turmoil.

"I was shocked; devastated. It was horrible," she says. She sits in her spectacular corner office — which is a testament to her success — on the 48th floor of a 55-storey black glass skyscraper with views across Miami harbour, the bay, Miami Beach and the ocean beyond.

Things turned bad for Ms Hector and Mr Young in about 1992 — ten years into their marriage. It was her second and his first.

They had met in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she had a successful legal career which resulted in her owning a firm. Mr Young, who designed and built luxury houses, was also fairly successful.

But in the late Eighties he caught the treasure-hunting bug and went into the New Mexico desert to search for the fabled $4 billion Doc Nos treasure trove. He was away for 18 months during which time, Ms Hector told the court, he had an affair. And the treasure — if it exists — is still out there.

There were also other problems in the marriage. "He is a very 'black-and-white' man," says Ms Hector, "and he had a lot of lawsuits: against his brother; another brother's estate; with former business partners. He will not compromise, even though he loses almost every case.

"We argued because I refused to represent him because I felt it was throwing good money after bad."

In a last-ditch attempt to repair the marriage, they moved to Miami. It didn't work and, finally, Ms Hector says, she told her husband that she wanted a divorce.

At the custody hearing, the divorce judge sided with Ms Hector and she was awarded custody, with her ex-husband getting generous daily visiting rights.

Witnesses for both sides testified on what caring parents they were. A special legal "guardian", appointed to represent the children's interests, said their father was phenomenal with the children and warmer than their mother; Mr Young, on the other hand, was inclined to lose his temper more.

During the custody hearing, one witness for Mr Young was Joan Hamel, the mother of one of the children's best friends.

She told the judge that Mr Young was an attentive parent who always arrived early at school plays and videotaped them. Ms Hector, on the other hand, once arrived late and read law books during the performance.

"I didn't work during the performance," Ms Hector says. "Most parents who work weren't even there. I was one of the few working parents who made it. I had some work to do, so I took it with me. I sat there and read it until the thing started, and put it down and watched the play until the end. It seemed a fairly efficient way to combine working and being a mum.

> 'Every working mother could lose her children'

"You can take your kid to the doctor's office, you sit in the doctor's office and read and do various things. But you certainly don't read while the doctor's telling you what's wrong with your child. It seems like a normal thing to do, to be flexible about where you're doing your work."

The guardian said Mr Young was the dominant carer during the day, but Ms Hector took over at weekends and "consistently spends time" with the children. He recommended that Ms Hector should have custody.

Mr Young appealed to secure custody of the children and the chance of alimony that would go with that. He estimates, conservatively, her income at $300,000 (£183,000) annually. Since the divorce, he works at the local YMCA, where his daughters have some of their after-school sports. He earns one tenth of Ms Hector's salary.

The appeal court sided with Mr Young, and Ms Hector has applied to the full Florida Appeal Court — of ten men and one woman — for a new custody hearing. Meanwhile she still has the children, although they are holidaying with their father at present.

"What this comes down to is quantity versus quality time," Ms Hector says. "Which is more important?"

She agrees with the gender neutral laws but says they were wrongly applied in her case by appeal judges who read transcripts and knew nothing of the personalities.

"This is not an issue for an appeal court," she says. "Especially when it has been shown that appeal decisions, when there are only men on the bench, tend to favour the men.

"They are much more even between the genders when the only woman appeal judge sits with two men.

"The real issue here is: who is the primary caretaker? A mum is the one who gets up in the middle of the night when the kids have a fever, and who gets up every single day and makes their lunch and sends them off to school.

"Who do they look to? . . . that's who the caretaker is. And that always was me.

"School-age children are in school essentially from 8am to 3.30pm. The afternoon activities that they have outside on the soccer field, and everything else — it's not quality time with the parents. All parents do is drive them around.

"My ex-husband did it for about a week after we were divorced. That was all he lasted, and he said, 'This is incredibly boring. This isn't quality time at all.'

"I said, 'What have I been saying for years?' That's the point. Until you get to dinner time, and what happens after dinner time, that's really the quality time. The quality time is in the morning, the evenings, and weekends. That's the time that working parents are available anyway.

"I would get home some time between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. From the moment I walked in, he would disappear.

"He would go in his office or his bedroom, or he'd leave the house. Then I would take care of the kids, see to the homework, listen to music with them, read books to them, do whatever; we're not TV watchers. And then they would go to bed.

"Every weekend I would have them all the time. A long time ago I vowed to spend weekends with the kids, unless I have something huge involving work. I take them to soccer games, to the beach, the zoo. My ex-husband would either be sitting round watching television, or out.

"He doesn't do beds: he doesn't do dishes; he doesn't do laundry. He doesn't do any of the things that women do."

She pauses, then adds: "I enjoy my work. I love my clients. And I love my kids. And I thought I had the perfect balance.

"I feel incredibly indignant that a person who went away should win and have me pay for him for the rest of his life. I mean, to me it's just outrageous. It's rubbing salt in the wound."

Is there such a thing as quality time?

The appeal court ruling in America will *not necessarily* trigger a batch of similar cases here, although working mothers would do well to take note.

Rosalind Miles, a social commentator and author of *The Children We Desire*, says: "I would not see this as setting a precedent for British law. We should never underestimate the puritanism of America and the fundamentalism that underlies much of its thinking."

Rather, there are indications that the trend has independently taken root on this side of the Atlantic. "We don't have to wait for America," Dr Miles says. "We are already seeing cases where men are getting custody from working women, which is particularly painful for women who felt they were doing their best for their kids. Usually, in our courts, it is because the children know the father better.

"Women must be a bit cannier in protecting their position."

Dr Miles is scornful of the "quality time" set aside by working parents. "There is no such thing as quality time," she says. "It is a myth. Children are most alert early in the day. They are no good in the cocktail hour."

In other words, quality time is merely a phrase concocted to assuage a parent's guilt at not being around.

"The point is, nobody wants to be with young children," Dr Miles says. "It's exhausting. When you compare having a nice job with staying at home with a toddler, it isn't as much fun."

The problem, she says, is that career women are trying to treat "time with the children" as they would any other work assignment. Put in sufficient input and you will reap the benefits. But according to Dr Miles: "Parenthood is not a job, it's a state of being. It ought to change your life. If you try to handle it like any other task, you've missed the point.

"The first five years are a crucial time for children. You can't have a rerun of those years. They need you then. And the more you're with them, the more rewarding it gets."

Dr Miles gave up work at the age of 21 when her first child was born, and only threw herself into her career in her forties. She recalls: "I did get sneered at by some women for giving up work. The catch is that the child-rearing years, the twenties and thirties, are also the years for careers taking off."

Combining career and motherhood was once not an option. If you wanted to get on in your job, you could not have children. Now the reasoning tends to be: you can have your baby as long as it doesn't make a difference — hence the pressure on working mothers to dump their offspring at the crèche as soon as possible after giving birth.

TONY STONE IMAGES

Working mothers feel endlessly guilty

Dorothy Rowe, the psychologist and writer, says that children in custody battles should have more say in their futures. "They should be asked and their opinions should be taken into account," she says.

Dr Rowe argues that giving up work to spend more time with the children may not be the solution. "It goes against government policy," she says. "A run of similar cases in the UK is unlikely for now. It would take a big change in public opinion."

Dr Rowe adds: "The most difficult thing about being a parent is not what you do for your child, but how they *interpret* what you do. They need to know that a parent can be called upon when needed.

"Having you there when they wake up from a nightmare might be better than three hours at the zoo."

JON ASHWORTH

Another day, another gin

Why do women drink too much? asks **Sally Morris**

BEEN promoted? Got a rise? Great, let's celebrate. Or maybe not. Just when young women thought they were breaking through that career glass ceiling, health experts warn them they're more likely to be carted off to Alcoholics Anonymous than to a seat in the boardroom. And they might end up infertile as well.

Last night BBC1's *Watchdog* reported that professional single women in their mid-twenties or early thirties are most at risk of developing serious drink problems. We're not talking about one too many chardonnays, but about one in eight women drinking more than the recommended two units of alcohol a day, and half a million drinking more than 36 units — six bottles of wine — a week.

But are we really surprised? Single, young, employed women have financial independence and no responsibility, a combination once reserved for bachelors. But they also work demanding hours, constantly compete against men for promotion and have ever less time for the cinema, theatre and dating. The pub is a quicker alternative.

Of course, you don't have to drink to have fun. But the initial effects of a few drinks in good company is enjoyable. It's a chance to be uninhibited after watching your every word and move in a competitive environment. It's fun in an increasingly intense world.

Sadly, it's all too easy to consume an alarming level of alcohol without realising it. Imagine our career woman out at a business lunch two or three times a week. She shares a bottle of wine at each. After work she has two or three glasses before moving on to a meal with more drinks; at the weekend there's a party or dinner. Suddenly those 36 glasses aren't so impossible. Yet young women don't feel they have a problem: everybody they know does the same.

In their mid-twenties most women still imagine they will meet the man of their dreams, have a home, maybe some kids — so they'll clean up their act when they have to. The day will come soon enough when that cheque gets eaten up by nannies, cleaners, swimming lessons and Barbie nighties. Eat, drink and be merry, they say, for tomorrow you may be a mother. (Though any mum who has spent a day in the office only to come home to tired, attention-seeking children knows that the one thing that can get her through flying toothbrushes and endless requests for stories is the thought that when it's over she can treat herself to a glass of wine. Or two.)

So should these figures worry us? Yes; anyone who has experienced the effects of alcoholism on individuals and those around them knows it is no laughing matter. But as long as our social lives centre around drink, as long as young women feel they have the right to drink as much as men, as long as it feels good at the time, then the short-term effects will always outweigh the long-term ones until the damage has been done.

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How Doris Karloff was monstered

It isn't great to be a British eccentric, says **Michael Gove**

I hated *In the Company of Men*. The film tells the story of a plot by two colleagues to seduce, then abandon, an innocent female colleague; in its laying bare of male calculation, it unnerves terribly. *Twelfth Night* is one of the most disturbing of Shakespeare's comedies. The manner in which Malvolio is led to believe he is adored, for *the entertainment of others*, is an exercise in cruelty. Both remind me uncomfortably of Ann Widdecombe.

I admire Miss Widdecombe, a woman of moral courage and intellectual consistency. Her stand on foxhunting was brave, her decision to attack Michael Howard braver. But *she is being taken for a ride.*

She is the Conservative most in demand for interviews and profiles. Eminently quotable — "The BBC are the worst purveyors of filth" — and only too willing to pose with her teddy bears, she is a bracing contrast to the blow-dried Blairites. You cannot imagine *her spending £135 on a haircut.*

Journalists preface their profiles with admiring references to her Commons performances, but has she thought why they devote so little of their coverage to the Shadow Health team's policy agenda? They prefer to *prise comments* from her on sex, grooming and diet.

> Whom the press wish to destroy they first make characters

Miss Widdecombe may think that the space allocated to her thoughts is a sign she is being taken seriously. But she *is being laughed at* behind her back. "Do you mind being called Doris Karloff?" they ask, much as Mrs Merton might inquire of Paul Daniels's wife: "What made you decide to marry the millionaire magician?" The question exists not to ascertain the subject's views but to make the groundlings giggle. Encouraged to play the media's game, she is being made sport of.

Like the school swot given the chance to go in goal, she is invited to pronounce, so that others might mock. She fell for it again at the weekend when she denounced television during, of all things, a Channel 5 interview. Oh yes, the producer smiles, you were fantastic. But it is the smile on the face of the tiger. Once again eccentric Ann has underlined her own oddness. No TV in the house? How quaint. Get that on the press release. Oh yes, waiting lists: well, we seem to have run right out of time.

Those whom the press wish to destroy they first make "characters". When Tony Benn became the obsessive tea-drinker with a collection of miners' lamps, he was no longer a statesman but a Great *British Eccentric, an out-take* from *Down Your Way*.

The treatment of the Shadow Health Secretary and, by extension, the Tory party, is deeply sad. It is sad for me in the traditional sense of the word — a cause for grieving. But Miss Widdecombe and the Tories also appear "sad" in the Nineties sense — pitiable for their inability to recognise how out-of-touch their efforts to impress make them. I have enjoyed private conversations with Miss Widdecombe where her grasp of policy and compassion has impressed. Her appreciation of political possibilities is sophisticated and clear. But all the world sees of the Member for Maidstone and The Weald is a Home Counties Savonarola imposing Sharia in the tones of Joyce Grenfell: "George, don't do *that.*"

Sex before marriage is not an appetite which should be treated with caution, a reality which should be met with injunctions to respect one's partner and one's body, but a "sin". Homosexuality is not a way of expressing desire which society should police to protect the vulnerable, but a high road to Hell. Abortion is not a painful necessity in some cases, but an absolute wrong.

It should be perfectly possible to be a Conservative, and a moralist, without having to be so eye-wateringly ultramontane. Michael Portillo has argued that the Conservative Party should not be a society for the turning back of clocks, but Miss Widdecombe gives the impression she wants to take us in a time machine back to a land of lost content. Her prominence, and more particularly the prominence of her *sound-bitten views* on a few issues, makes the Conservatives sound like the Taleban.

How can the Tories seem serious about holding office, when the Shadow Health Secretary *proclaims she* could not do the job in government because she would not license clinics which perform abortions? She's only there to oppose, her defenders argue. Well, that is where the voters will leave her, then.

The lesson Labour learnt *in the wilderness* was the importance of not acting like an Old Testament prophet. As Tony Blair has remarked in private, Labour had to make an accommodation with the electorate after years of making war on it. To that end, policies had to change and so did presentation. Labour had to look and act as though its team were ready to run Britain in a manner appropriate to the age, instead of inviting the voters to take them or leave them. (They left them. In droves.)

Peter Mandelson's promotion of "the beautiful people" in Labour's ranks infuriated *traditionalists like John Prescott*, who scented a sell-out. But Mr Mandelson was right that Labour needed to win the voters' trust with politicians who looked as though they lived in the same world as the rest of us, who understood contemporary aspirations. If the Left were ever to enjoy power again.

The Conservatives do not need to build a bonfire for their principles, as Labour did. Nor should they abandon faith in hearth and homeland. But if it seems as though they are preparing an *auto-da-fé* for the fallen, then it is they who will find themselves the martyrs.

AFTERMATH

The Princes' real peril

Concern for the safety of William and Harry is a pretext for media intrusion

Libby Purves

Madness, madness! How could they allow it? How could this precious Prince be allowed to enjoy himself without a state-of-the-art privacy injunction firmly strapped to his head? How dare his minders recklessly entrust his fate to the fraying unreliable weave of press self-restraint?

And in such treacherous conditions, too! With a slick of anniversary sentimentality underfoot and a driving hailstorm of bad Diana books obscuring clear vision, the atmospheric conditions exist for exotic pests to breed unchecked: vultures with Instamatics, the much-feared safety *rent-aquotus*, sanctimonious leader-writers, the Great Black Headline. The poor Princes never stood a chance. No wonder their day out on a Welsh wall led to a publicity disaster that spun helplessly out of control, culminating in the final horror of Harold Brooks-Baker of *Debrett*. He wailed, in *The Mirror*, that we have "risked the fate of the Throne, the country and the Commonwealth". Woe is us! Can that distant flapping be the sound of ravens leaving the Tower, or is it just Mr Brooks-Baker's invisible frock-coat catching a summer breeze?

I have said before, and I say again: *never mind helmets, the Prince of* Wales's sons need proper protection from this nonsense. They need to walk freely in their own country, take risks, make decisions and grow up without being spied on. To rely, as we have been doing since last August, on the decency of the media is ridiculous. A great deal more ridiculous, frankly, than abseiling competently *down a well-maintained dam wall on* a rope rigged by two Guards officers.

OK, so they probably should have worn helmets: OK, a safety line is better than none. It is even conceivable that St James's Palace was glad to see the pictures and enjoin more caution *on the Princes' gung-ho friends.* However, there can be nothing but contempt for the nosey tourists who took the photos, Ms LeMorvan and Mr Cumbes. If their intentions had been genuinely kind they could have posted the pictures to the boys' father — *his address is no secret* — with a note to the effect that they were worried. It would even have been honourable for them to approach the party on the bridge and remonstrate with them as concerned royalists.

Instead, they sold the pictures, their value raised by the heightened emotion of this anniversary month. So much for the caring post-Diana Britain: we're still rubbernecks, we're still vultures. It was almost with tears of gratitude *that I observed that this* newspaper (with whose sense of taste its columnists do not invariably agree) displayed an attack of decorum yesterday by printing a repressively small picture of the Grwyne Fawr reservoir dam with no trace of dangling royalty on it.

The Princes should be protected from media intrusion, by law. Their status, circumstances and needs are unique: they are too interesting, too vulnerable, and too *necessary to be covered* by feeble regulation. Even in a year of comparative restaint foul tricks have been played on them: the betrayal of their plans for a surprise party for their father, the exposure of Prince William's meeting with Camilla Parker Bowles, even the paparazzi shot of Prince Harry yelling at a football match, unaware of the camera on his face. That picture, like yesterday's abseiling shots, was carried in broadsheets as well as tabloids. It should not be beyond the wit of lawyers to devise better protection for the few remaining *years of these boys' minority.*

As for their safety, it is humbug to suggest that this is increased by the publication to a slack-jawed nation of the abseiling pictures. Most of us know nothing at all about mountaineering techniques, though you would never guess it to read the commentaries. Mountaineering instructors queued up to condemn the pictures, but, they would, wouldn't they? Any mountain leader who wants to keep up the flow of pupils to his centre will gush devoutly about safety equipment at the mere press of his "spout" button. Many, for example, held forth about improper footwear; but the most honest one quoted yesterday merely said that "if the rock face was uneven" boots might be advisable. It wasn't a rock face, nor was it uneven: it is a well-built dam wall. Another, meek in the face of universal outrage, murmured that the boys had in fact been trained in abseiling during previous adventure holidays, so it was not their *first* time.

None of them quite had the nerve to say that in such one-off adventures, *some of the responsibility for* decisions on safety equipment should rest with the trained adolescent himself. To read some of the papers you would think that this was a case of innocent toddlers randomly dangled over a precipice by a feckless nanny on knitting-wool; not an experienced group of adults organising a brief thrill with younger *friends. I have* a 15-year-old son of my own, and any time these past three years he has, when sailing his terrifying-looking dinghy or scuba-diving, firmly taken responsibility for all his *own safety* and gear checks, as per the various trainings he has done. He would certainly not allow me to pronounce his air-line or trapeze harness safe unless he had inspected them himself. He has off his own bat rejected a dive centre as looking too dodgy. Even the prodnose photographer, Ms LeMorvan, observed that she saw the boy "check *the equipment" before swinging his* legs over the side.

It is quite possible, indeed likely, that some rational decisions were taken on that summer outing, and that — if it had not been inflated into a public issue — it would have contributed its bit to the development of two boys whose future character and abilities matter a good deal to their country. Personally I dread heights, hate mountaineering, and can hardly bring myself to look at a picture of anyone doing a face-forward descent. But all the same, there was a sense of triumph in seeing a young boy, only a year away from a dreadful and spirit-crushing *personal tragedy*, able to look down into a chasm and step forwards, trusting his own strength and judgment and a rope rigged by his friends. I cannot identify with the kind of people *who can see only outrage* in that. Let alone potential doom for "the Throne, the country and the Commonwealth".

But today we are all *wimps* by order and statute. Police loudspeakers order bathers to clear the beach because of sharp shells (why couldn't they just have told them to put their sandals on?). A MORI poll of parents *has just found that 80* per cent of us never allow our children to play unsupervised in a park. A few years ago a man in Cardiff won damages from the council because he slipped on pigeon-droppings on a pavement. Another man attempted to bring a case against a landowner who opened his grounds to the public: the complainant had slipped on wet grass, and there were no *signs* saying "Danger — wet grass". When I fell over the doorstep and disabled my left arm for half a year, I was seriously advised to sue my husband on the household insurance for having installed the doorstep. It would have made more sense for the children to sue him for marrying such a clumsy woman and therefore depriving them of their chauffeur for weeks on end.

Never mind. A few sunny *days have brought forth* heartening proof that, however cowardly the general culture, many of us retain an elemental lemming-like urge to test ourselves against the elements. When I first read the Sunday paper story about the abseiling trip I was newly landed on a river-beach in Suffolk, watching the crazedly joyful behav*iour of the riparian revellers. In a* freshening wind, yachts were getting stuck in the mud, dinghies and sailboards toppling over to hurl their occupants into the muddy water, outboard motors becoming entangled with old rope, and canoeists practis*ing death-rolls* and getting their paddles stuck. Children were flailing around, Mummies swimming to the rescue, Daddies hopping furiously with one sandal lost in the ooze, and teenagers hanging like baboons from dodgy branches of overhanging trees. Meanwhile, my 14-year-old daughter and her 10-year-old friend got hopelessly lost for three hours try*ing to ride home from a horse show.*

We all feel much the better for it. But then, we are allowed to: we are not royal.

Victory over disbelief

Simon Barnes on the smile that did for South Africa

Elvis is playing the Sibton White Horse tonight. A party of aliens is picnicking on Walberswick Green. A flock of Gloucester Old Spots has been flying round and round The Scrape at Minsmere. But me, I won't cross the road for these things; my appetite for the impossible is already sated: England have won a Test match: England have won a major Test series. This has not happened for 12 years. This is not going back to boyhood, it is going back to the Pleistocene.

And even yesterday, I could not believe England were going to win. My throat still sore from all the bootless appealing I had to go through the previous day, I took to wagging my head wisely at the television and saying: "They're *not* going to do it you know. They're really not going to do it." I could not believe England would win: nor, I think, could they.

In the end most things, perhaps all things, turn out to be a question of belief. That holds true in most sports, but perhaps more in cricket than in any other. Look at Ian Botham, a man who was capable of believing six *impossible things before breakfast*, and then of putting them into action before the bars opened, which was always, in his case, reasonably early.

Cricket is nothing without belief. But over the years — the past 12 — England have established a tradition of militant atheism. England have consistently put out a team of atheists, usually stiffened by a couple of *hardline, doctrinaire agnostics.*

What must an England cricketer believe in? What is the Apostle's Creed of the England cricketer? The trinity of things he must believe in comprise the following: himself, his colleagues, and victory. And over the 12 years in which England have failed to win a full Test series, faith in any single aspect of this tripartite belief has become harder and harder for any single player to sustain.

English cricket moved into the age of materialism, in which nothing is certain any more. Most especially, belief in victory became almost impossible. The age of easy miracles ended a long time ago.

Michael Atherton was for years one of the few men in the England team who had no problem in the self-belief department. It was in victory and in his colleagues that he lost faith. Mike Brearley entitled one of the chapters in his book the *Art of Captaincy* "My God, Look What They've Sent Me". How many times must Atherton have muttered this atheist's prayer to himself? Especially when deprived, once again, of Angus Fraser, one of the few bowlers capable of giving an England captain the priceless commodity of control.

And so Atherton, one of the great good eggs of our time, lost his faith and surrendered the captaincy to Alec Stewart. Stewart — "just call me Gaffer" — is the ultimate keenie: batting, keeping wicket, captaining, and no doubt insisting on making the tea as well. He is the Corporal Jones of English cricket: "I would like to volunteer to be that man, sir."

And yet he began the summer by taking the performances of the England team from dire to dismal to desperate, and finally to a Test match that was so awful and embarrassing that no one except the real keenies of cricket's followers could bear to watch. It ended in humiliation at Old Trafford, though oddly enough, not in defeat. England managed a Dunkirk job. *But it was clear at the time* that the escape meant nothing.

Hindsight being 20-20, it is clear that the escape meant absolutely everything. The next Test was tight and turned on one of the great bits of cricketing combat in recent history: Allan *Donald*, the greatest fast bowler currently practising, and Atherton, the world's most obdurate batsman. Irresistible force, unmoving object.

In that clash, in that hour, in that perfect passage of sport, the summer was won and lost. Donald, staring and swearing, bowled like a man dispossessed. While Atherton smiled. He is the best at that. What Stephen Potter called "The v-shaped smile". Television gave us the perfect view of this duel: it gave us wild, impassioned eyes of Donald, Atherton's mild gaze, with the unlooked-for garnish of the smile. That smile won the Test. In the end, it won the series.

England have been hunting for belief. Many players have been seeking for belief in themselves, most have been seeking for belief in their colleagues, all have been seeking for belief in the possibility of victory.

Naturally, they would all deny this. They have all had the basic tenets of the sports psychology business dinned into them: never a negative thought in my head, always knew we could do it, if you don't believe you can win, you shouldn't be out there. Well, don't believe a word of it. Professional athletes live a life that brings self-doubt into the sharpest possible focus. Far from being an enviable life, it is based on fear. Fear is their constant companion. Few England cricketers slept well on Sunday night.

The trick is not to banish fear, because that is impossible. The trick is to alchemise the base metal of fear into the gold of victory. For that, you need belief, you need faith. And luck helps, too. Napoleon always asked of a marshal: "Has he luck?" He would have liked The Gaffer.

Painted out

EMMA SERGEANT is not just a dab hand with a paintbrush. The artist who has daubed the Prince of Wales, Lord Olivier and Imran Khan also plays a pukka, albeit discreet, game of polo. While she trades on her image as a Bohemian, I can disclose that she led a team of dashing professional players at Cowdray Park at the weekend, thrashing her opponents and setting herself and her chums up as favourites for the West Sussex cup. The one-time winner of a National Portrait Gallery award even scored a goal, but at some cost: as captain she would have financed the team at a cost of several thousand pounds an hour.

Sergeant's prowess on a pony is leagues away from her trip to Afghanistan in the mid-Eighties when she sought to paint the war zone in the company of Muslim warriors. At the time, she complained of being described as a society portrait painter, saying: "This is a country which will never allow you to achieve if you're privileged. There's a lot of jealousy, which has absolutely dogged my steps."

When I spoke to Sergeant yesterday and told her that I had caught her in her natural setting, she stuck to the same line: "I don't really like talking about polo because it's not very 'struggling artist'." But now we know at least why this woman of so many talents accompanies the Prince of Wales as official artist on all those royal tours through Africa and Central Asia.

● *SADLY for the budding pink wave in Israel, its team performed miserably at the International Gay and Lesbian Games in Amsterdam. The feigeles finished last in every competition they entered, even though they had Dana International, the Israeli transsexual who won the Eurovision Song Contest, as cheerleader.*

EDWARD WELSH

Party poopers

WHILE Tony Blair enjoys his hols, Labour's awkward squad is using *the summer recess to plot some* mischief at the party conference. Bob Marshall-Andrews will host a fringe meeting attended by a gaggle of fellow maverick MPs on the eve of the Blackpool beanfest. Entitled "What price parliamentary democracy?", the evening appears to be designed to expose the group's robotic colleagues and embarrass the Prime Minister. "It will be a wide-ranging discussion of every aspect of government policy and the role of backbenchers," says Bob. "An awful lot of them have their own ideas," he assures me. The event promises to be exciting.

●*RABBI Shmuley Boteach, author of* Kosher Sex, *has been struck dumb. Although shortlisted for* The Times's *"Preacher of the Year" award, he complains that Orthodox synagogues are refusing to let him deliver a sermon after the publication of his Jewish* Karma Sutra. *How will he cope with enforced abstinence?*

Holy smoke

AS ANGLICAN bishops shuffle home from the Lambeth Conference, I have been asked to award prizes to its participants. My first trophy goes to the Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Rev David Stancliffe, for excelling as a *prima donna: he refused to use the altar provided.* The accolade for most colourful language, I award to the Bishop of Portsmouth, the Right Rev Kenneth Stevenson. Upset by the vote on homosexuality, he stormed out, stating: "I'm p****-ed off." But the honour for greatest insensitivity must go to the Bishop of London, the Right Rev Richard Chartres, who swept past his impoverished brother bishops from Africa in his chauffeur-driven car.

THE amorous adventures of Ernest Hemingway in Africa are to be unveiled after the discovery of a forgotten manuscript he penned near the end of his life. *True at First Light*, which was smuggled out of Cuba by his fourth wife, Mary Welsh, at the start of Castro's revolution, details the author's last Kenyan safari in 1954. The novel, discovered in the Hemingway family attic, features a thinly disguised account of the author's attempts to befriend locals and fictionalises an affair he had with an African woman while married to Mary.

Patrick, Hemingway's son, who accompanied him on the African jaunt, has agreed to edit the "reflective and humorous" manuscript, to be published on the centenary of the author's birth in July. Elaine Showalter, Professor of English at Princeton University, says Hemingway shied away from addressing race: "If this novel does confront the issue of race in a serious way, not just in an exoticised way, then it will mark a departure."

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THE NUMBERS GAME

The dangers of inflation in higher education

ousands of teenagers are on tenterhooks s week. In 48 hours, they will receive their evel results — and discover whether they l be going to university. Politicians will e their annual cruise of studios, ngratulating students on their success and scribing the rise in the number of young ople entering higher education as "good ws". Yet against the backdrop of a rise in number of students who fail to get a gree, and reports of employers' concern r the low quality of graduates, the orthodx that supports the relentless expansion in her education deserves scrutiny.

n its annual report, the Government set a get of an extra half a million people in leges and universities by 2002, justifying s as not only beneficial for young people's wn development" but also necessary "to et the economy's demand for highly skill- highly trained graduates". But, like its edecessor, the Government's fixation with e quantity of young people in higher educ- on is threatening the quality of education ey receive, and debasing Cardinal New- an's concept of the university.

Few politicians dare ask whether the pansion in higher education will automat- lly benefit British industry. Before the rise student numbers in the late 1980s, Britain d the highest number of graduates (as a oportion of the age cohort of young people) any country in Western Europe. Our eakness lay in craft skills, held by a mere per cent of British employees compared th over 56 per cent in Germany.

Instead of focusing on this failing, the ajor Government tried to disguise it by ab- lishing the binary divide between polytech- cs and universities. In a forlorn attempt to d intellectual snobbery against vocational ucation, the idea that a polytechnic ucation would impart a skill, different but ual, especially valued by employers was st. Instead, new courses appeared, masquerading as degrees, in subjects such as creative therapies and leisure management. They are not disciplines Newman would recognise as academic. They lack the precision and practicality of the old polytechnic qualifications.

The rise in the number of teenagers gaining A-levels is held as evidence of improving standards. Debate rages as to whether this is the case. For example, between 1989 and 1997, the number of students taking A-level maths and physics has fallen by almost 16,000 and 13,000 respectively, making it difficult for universities to fill places in maths, science and engineering without appearing to lower barriers to entry. As Professor Anthony O'Hear has pointed out, some students will be on these courses with A-level grades of 2 Es and a D. Other reports suggest that a disturbingly large number of undergraduates have left school without the most rudimentary skills. Lord Dearing, while compiling his report on qualifications for 16 to 19 year-olds, was told how maths undergraduates are becoming over-dependent on calculators. Without these basic skills, it is hardly surprising that the number of students who dropped out or failed their courses has risen from 12 per cent to 19 per cent over the past three years.

To arrest this decline in standards, the Government will rely on bureaucracy — the new Quality Assurance Agency. But this quango's predecessor — the Higher Education Quality Council — oversaw a 20 per cent rise in the number of firsts and 2:1s awarded between 1973 and 1993, and still cannot be sure whether standards have slipped. Rebranding bureaucrats will not address the concerns. The Government must stop playing the numbers game. It must ask whether the inexorable growth in higher education is the getting of wisdom or another, insidious, example of inflation.

THE BRINK OF DARKNESS

Congo slides into civil war against another corrupt ruler

rebellion in Central Africa is hardly eadline news; after all, every country in the egion has one. But the mutiny of anyamulenge (ethnic Tutsi) soldiers in the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly aire) threatens regional stability at a articularly tense time. Angola is on the erge of returning to civil war; Zimbabwe is ore volatile by the day; Burundi is moving ntatively towards a settlement to end five ears of violence that has cost 150,000 lives. he rebels — the most effective part of ongo's army — have seized strategic object- es across the country. In Zahidi Ngoma, a on-Tutsi former Unesco official, they have ound a political leader who might better evive Congo than the nepotistic and un- emocratic President, Laurent Kabila. But nless he goes voluntarily, widescale civil ar is imminent. And recent experience in entral Africa shows that civil war spreads.

The current crisis is a byproduct of the wandan civil war. The victors used the first anyamulenge rebellion, in 1996, to empty he last Hutu strongholds in eastern Zaire, nd to depose President Mobutu Sese Seko, hose anarchic state threatened regional tability. By spring 1997 their joint advance eemed to present the same threat, as rancophone Africa, and Angola's Unita ebels, lined up with Mr Mobutu against wanda, the Angolan Government and the nglophones. But agreement by the prinipal actors — Rwanda, Uganda, the US, nd France — that Mr Kabila must replace Mr Mobutu averted escalation.

Now there is no such consensus. Though moved, Mr Kabila is not yet actively angerous. Angola's President José Eduarlo Dos Santos is grateful to him for cracking down on Unita's lucrative smuggling. Paris, whose African policies are in disarray, is neutral; so is Washington, because its disgust with Mr Kabila is balanced by embarrassment at abandoning a man it once keenly endorsed. Only Rwanda and Uganda actively want him to go — partly because he rejects their tutelage, but mostly because his incompetence threatens their hopes for stable government across the region.

Mr Kabila has only himself to blame for his predicament. In 1996 the Banyamulenge rebelled when the old regime stripped them of citizenship and ordered them to leave Zaire. Still labelled as "foreigners", they see Mr Kabila's recent order that all "foreign" troops leave Congo as revisiting dangerous ground. The region's Tutsis — everywhere a minority, with genocide as their principal political memory — have loyalties that transcend borders. Whether Uganda and Rwanda have, as Mr Kabila claims, "invaded" Congo or not, their bases in the east, which are being reinforced, have been crucial in suppressing their Congo-based opponents. To order "foreign" troops out without forces from Kinshasa to take their place was at best foolhardy.

Mr Kabila's lack of probity and competence has denied him powerful Western friends. But a weekend regional summit in Harare showed that countries such as South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe are so nervous of renewed fighting in Congo that they are ready to back him politically. That would be a mistake. Mr Kabila is unlikely to beat the men who brought him to power. He has done little to deserve support; to provide it would simply prolong the civil war and heighten the risk of regional contagion. They would do more for Central African stability by persuading him to stand down.

COMEBACK CRICKET

A victory was essential for the future of the English game

That was a famous victory for English cricket. When play resumed at Headingley yesterday, any one of three results was still possible. A tie might have been the fairest finale to this series, which has seesawed so melodramatically throughout. And it was difficult for Yorkshire John Bull himself in his Union Jack face paint not to feel pity for the South Africans, who have played so hard and come so close to winning so often.

But the huge crowd which had turned out for the prospect of an hour's play was roaring for a different storybook ending. Many of them were not born when England last won a series at home. And although no clergyman in the pavilion chewed through the handle of his umbrella at the suspense of the race between singles and wickets, this was a finish that will go into *Wisden* and legend as a classic heart-stopper.

Few members of either side would be selected for a World XI. But many mechanical and human computers reckon South Africa to be the second best team in the world. And the series has been a fluctuation of triumph and disaster. It has demonstrated the combination of team morale, individual brilliance, collective panic and luck that make cricket at its best the best game.

Both sides had periods of overwhelming ascendancy and collapse. In every innings a batsman or a pair of fast bowlers had to come to the rescue of a hopeless situation: Darren Gough and Jonty Rhodes should be in that World XI for the old-fashioned pleasure they take from playing their game, Rhodes for his fielding and his name also.

Luck plays a larger part in cricket than in other games, because of the uncertainties of the toss, the wicket and the weather and the hair-breadth decisions umpires take. But luck played too large a part in this series. At least seven batsmen were given out in the last Test, when watchers on television could see that they were not out. Modern television techniques of instant replay, slow motion and close-up magnification put intolerable pressure on umpires, when most people watching the game have a clearer picture of what has just happened than they do.

The solution is to have a third umpire watching television monitors and replays, to be appealed to when a field umpire is in doubt about an lbw decision or a catch behind. There already is one for appeals for run-out. The batsman would still be given the benefit of the doubt, in the rare instances when doubt was left after the replays.

But yesterday's victory will revive the game that England gave to the world. Cricket needs to be restructured. The people who run cricket have to understand that their antique ritual has come into a modern world of million-pound entertainment. Lottery money alone will not resurrect cricket pride or get the children to the wicket again. But a major English victory was the necessary first step. Now for this week's triangular tournament. And this winter the big one: the Ashes tour of Australia.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Training and pay behind haemorrhage of NHS staff

From Professor Roger Dyson

Sir, Your account of the crisis caused by the 15 per cent fall in the number of student nurses (report, August 5) again publicises the Royal College of Nursing's complaint about inadequate pay. But the real malaise in recruitment and employment is the highly negative impact of Project 2000, the 1980s training scheme for nurses.

This scheme switched training from the bedside to the lecture theatre and restricted the title "nurse" to those undertaking a university degree or its equivalent, and with the academic qualifications to enter such training.

Many of those with a deep sense of vocation have dropped out because for at least 18 months the scheme debars them from proper patient contact (the profession should be more open about these dropout figures).

Many others with a vocational commitment are unable to meet academic criteria that are higher than necessary for many nursing posts. Those who qualify under Project 2000 expect to lead ward-based teams, only to find that they are required as "Indians", not "chiefs", and many leave disillusioned — often blaming pay as a problem easier to articulate.

The Royal College must bear responsibility for this. Its trade union voice argued that higher status and graduate training would help to increase pay. This has failed quite dramatically: there are now more graduate trained nurses in the lower D grades than in 1989, when grading began. A large number of healthcare assistants (*de facto* if not *de jure* nurses) are now keeping our wards afloat.

The immediate abandonment of the exclusivity of Project 2000 and the reintroduction of a more experientially based entry to nursing would begin to resolve the crisis. It would also increase the retention of graduate trained nurses as chiefs, not Indians.

Yours sincerely,
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August 7.

From Mr K. R. Tompsett

Sir, My daughter is leaving the profession only a year after completing her four-year nursing degree and RGN (registered general nurse) course. She trained through most of the vacations, and in hospital for a year with no pay or grant, working as a care assistant.

When she got her first job, in the same hospital, she started on the same grade as any non-degree nurse. She had no opportunities to put into practice the modern techniques she was taught: she could gain promotion only by waiting in the queue for additional courses.

Nursing needs practical people, and no one benefits from pretending otherwise.

Yours faithfully,
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August 7.

From Dr C. C. Lees, MRCOG

Sir, I was not surprised to read that the NHS is in deep crisis. Doctors, too, are leaving in droves.

Short-term contracts, draconian disciplinary procedures and the stress of coping with unrealistic expectations raised by the Patient's Charter would not be so bad if there was anything like a private-sector salary to expect. Nurses leaving the NHS to join industry earn 50 per cent more immediately.

Hospital consultants, after five years at medical school and an average of ten further years of unremitting postgraduate examinations and job insecurity, earn just over £40,000 a year. This represents between a third and half the peer salary in accountancy, law or industry. Cytologists who examine cervical smears get less than £10,000.

No one in the NHS expects such settlements; but if Frank Dobson did his sums, he would find that it is much more expensive and wasteful to train new healthcare professionals and lose them through disaffection then to pay the existing ones just a little more.

Yours faithfully,
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From Miss Adrienne May

Sir, The folly of restricting public service pay while allowing market forces to operate in the rest of employment can now be seen. We should not be looking abroad to fill the gap. British jobs should be filled by British, or at least European, people.

Only those with good English should be employed, so that they understand instructions and patients can communicate with and have confidence in them.

Yours faithfully,
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August 7.

I see no minister of maritime policy

From Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch

Sir, The abiding importance to Britain of the sea around us for transport (95 per cent of our trade), food, the environment, mineral exploitation and recreation — and the international ramifications of all these concerns — can hardly be overestimated. But in your "complete list of Government" (July 31) not even an Under-Secretary of State, in any department, is designated as responsible for maritime matters.

Back in April 1975 the present Deputy Prime Minister argued cogently that "there should be a single authority for the conduct, safety and support of (UK) marine activities", responsible to the Secretary of State for Trade, to whom Mr Prescott was at that time PPS. On April 1, 1994, the Marine Safety Agency (MSA) was set up, under the Ministry of Transport; and on April 1, 1998, the MSA became the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), with a corresponding increase in scope and budget.

Given that some aspect of maritime affairs comes within the purview of 20 or so government departments, should not a minister, however junior, be nominated to co-ordinate policy and be responsible to Parliament for the MCA?

Yours faithfully,
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August 3.

'Spectacular' Cowes

From Mr Richard Ottaway, MP for Croydon South (Conservative)

Sir, Your report suggesting that Cowes Week is in decline ("Why Cowes is in the shade", August 6) is very wide of the mark.

Starting from the Royal Yacht Squadron line, surely the most famous yachting location in the world, a quite spectacular regatta is taking place. However, the most notable feature is the several thousand young people participating in a predominantly amateur sport. In this respect it is unfair to compare it with Wimbledon which is a professional event where every visitor is a paying spectator.

It is also inaccurate to suggest that the Royal Family is not participating. Apart from the presence of the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Michael of Kent has enjoyed two superb days racing in the Daring Class and the Princess Royal has honoured a charitable dinner with her presence.

The racing has been close, the parties noisy, the Corinthian spirit dominates and a superbly run event is providing a healthy environment for spectators and participants alike. Not unsurprisingly the local business community has benefited as well.

The odd people out are a few journalists looking for silly season stories.

Yours faithfully,
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August 7.

Compensation awards

From Professor John A. Davis

Sir, Why are the relatives of alleged victims of negligence, who have themselves suffered little financial hardship as a result, regarded as worthy recipients of financial damages in "compensation" for their bereavement?

Human life is infinitely valuable and essentially priceless and no amount of money will make up for the loss of someone genuinely loved. To exact damages from the NHS as "revenge" merely ensures that there is less money for other patients, who as a result are more likely to be mistreated by exhausted and overworked doctors and nurses, while effecting a net transfer of resources from medicine to lawyers.

There is a simple solution: let the Government (not via the NHS) pay compensation to victims and their families for the purely financial losses they may have sustained as a result of treatment that turned out to be harmful or ineffective, and let the Government recover some or all of its costs from those deemed to be responsible.

This would of course mean that hospitals would have to cease paying the subscriptions to medical defence societies inflated by the tendency of judges and juries to stretch a point in awarding damages to complainants they feel sorry for, whatever the evidence.

There is something intrinsically unacceptable about relatives and lawyers setting out to make money from what is often — given human fallibility — an inevitable mistake.

Yours faithfully,
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August 10.

Defendants' right to trial by jury

From Mr Neil Spurrier

Sir, As chairman of the West London Division Magistrates Court, Mr Timothy MacAndrews (letters, August 6) refers to someone accused of stealing a £2.99 chicken pie and electing to go to jury trial as performing a "tactical manoeuvre", designed to secure him a better chance of "getting off".

Is it perhaps just possible that the accused is innocent? Is it possible that his conviction (even if wrong) of stealing a £2.99 chicken pie could lead to his instant dismissal from his employment and perhaps deprive him of an income for ten years or more?

If I (a solicitor) were convicted of such an offence, there is a chance that I would be struck off the roll and not allowed to practise again. I imagine that a security guard or a till operator would probably suffer the same fate. We in this country expect high standards and safeguards in dealing with professional people and employees. This is something for which we all have to pay, not just a few unfortunate people.

No; may the good Lord be merciful unto us and keep jury trials.

Yours faithfully,
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August 6.

From the Director of The Freedom Association

Sir, Thirty years ago or so I was arrested and charged with assault causing actual bodily harm. I had broken the nose of a friend of mine in a brief struggle in which I was, in my view, legitimately defending myself.

I was advised to "get it over with quickly" in front of a magistrate. I was certain that no magistrate would have any sympathy for anyone who admitted breaking someone's nose in a fight and so would impose a "trivial" penalty on a young man with no previous criminal conviction.

I chose to elect for trial by jury, confident that a jury, interested in a higher justice, would find me not guilty. The trial took a long while to come up, lasted several days and was an extremely unpleasant experience.

After a brief consideration the jury found me not guilty. I have never regretted my decision.

Yours sincerely,
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August 6.

From Mr Simon Sellick

Sir, Predictably, today's correspondents from the Bar oppose the abolition of a defendant's right to elect for trial by jury, whilst the magistrates support it.

Perhaps civil practice should be copied here — the losing party generally being made liable for the entire cost of the trial. If the defence loses, both the counsel and defendant could be made liable, thus relieving the court of the difficulty of extracting payment from a defendant with no means of paying.

This scheme should help to avoid such cases as those cited by Messrs Young and MacAndrews from going to trial by jury, as no legal counsel would be likely to accept the brief.

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From Mr Robert Holton

Sir, As 19 out of 20 criminal trials are dealt with by magistrates, would it not be better first to investigate how anxieties about the fairness of trials arise, whether they are justified, and how to improve the standards of justice which are applied to the vast majority.

Yours faithfully,
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August 6.

Millennium bug

From Mrs Anne Johnson-Rooks

Sir, Recently I had my first pre-millennium nasty experience.

Endeavouring to pay by Barclaycard for goods in a well-known store — because my card would not "swipe" the assistant had to input my details by hand — I was told, to my embarrassment, that my card had been rejected. On further investigation with Barclaycard, I was told that the store had input the wrong expiry date.

When Barclaycard subsequently asked the store how this mistake had occurred, they were told that the store's credit card machines had not been updated to cope with the year 2000, and so for all cards expiring from that year on, they were inputting an expiry date of 1999 — so of course the card was rejected.

Is this the thin end of a wedge?

Yours faithfully,
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August 10.

Post haste

From Mr Campbell Stott

Sir, We have received a postcard from our two sons cycling in the Forest of Dean. It bears a 9p stamp and a surcharge notice. The Royal Mail has waived the surcharge — perhaps because the postmark reads 17. 8. 1977.

Yours faithfully,
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Detained on board

From Captain John Oakes

Sir, In his letter of August 5, Mr G. P. Stewart refers to British airlines' crew as drivers and waitresses. A reading of the Air Navigation Order, Articles 58 (2) and 59, would clarify his status as an aircraft passenger.

Any aircraft commander bears total responsibility for the safety of his (or her) aircraft, passengers and crew. He has the authority to enable him to discharge that responsibility. The cabin staff are there to ensure the safety of passengers and only after that to see to their comfort.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr John O'Reilly

Sir, In the days of Imperial Airways, Go's predecessors, the pilot sat up front in an open cockpit whilst his passengers were snug in the luxurious cabin behind. Quite right too.

Yours faithfully,
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Testing times

From Mr G. J. Rawlins

Sir, Let us take nothing away from England's marvellous performance in winning two Tests in succession against South Africa.

Equally, let's not delude ourselves that we can continue to win Test matches with five batsmen and — especially — three bowlers.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mrs Sylvia Crookes

Sir, Who says that Yorkshiremen put money before everything? The noisy machines at our local ropeworks were all switched off at 11am today so that the employees (and the boss) could listen unhindered to the final moments of the Test match.

Yours,
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RN plaques

From the Rector of Happisburgh

Sir, Having recently been presented with a plaque bearing the coat of arms of *HMS Invincible* I was concerned to learn (report, August 6; letter, August 8) that this tradition is under threat owing to cost. In our case it was perhaps appropriate that the MoD should bear the expense.

The plaque was given on the day we commemorated the loss in 1801 of over 400 officers and men of a former *HMS Invincible*, many of whom lie buried in the churchyard here. This ship ran aground and was wrecked on sandbanks off Happisburgh whilst on her way to join Nelson at the Battle of Copenhagen.

The gift of a plaque was a kind gesture by the present ship's company, but I was surprised to discover from your report that it cost £50. The Royal Navy's noble tradition should certainly be continued, but with plaques from elsewhere than Savile Row.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HINES,
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Job prospects

From Mrs Betty Baker

Sir, Taking on a new servant in East Africa in the 1960s, one read the references from former employers (letters, July 31 and August 5), but by law these were not permitted to say anything detrimental. I did not employ the hopeful who turned up with a letter saying: "Anyone getting this man to work for him will be lucky."

Yours faithfully,
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From Mrs Anne Ursell

Sir, In Nigeria in the 1960s our favourite reference was: "His fingers are as light as his cakes."

Yours truly,
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 10: The Princess Royal, Patron, today attended the opening ceremony of the 7th International Congress of Plant Pathology at the Usher Hall, followed by a Lunch at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will open two new specialist centres at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, at noon; and as patron, Cornwall '98 - The World *Watersport Festival*, will visit the Inter-Celtic Watersports Festival at Bude, at 2.10.

Luncheon

Rotary Club of London
General Sir David Ramsbotham was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. Mr John Buchanan, president, was in the chair.

New bishop

Canon Michael Alan Houghton, Vicar of Folkestone St Peter in the Canterbury diocese, has been appointed to the Suffragan See of Ebbsfleet (same diocese) in succession to *the Right Rev John Richards*, who is retiring.

University news

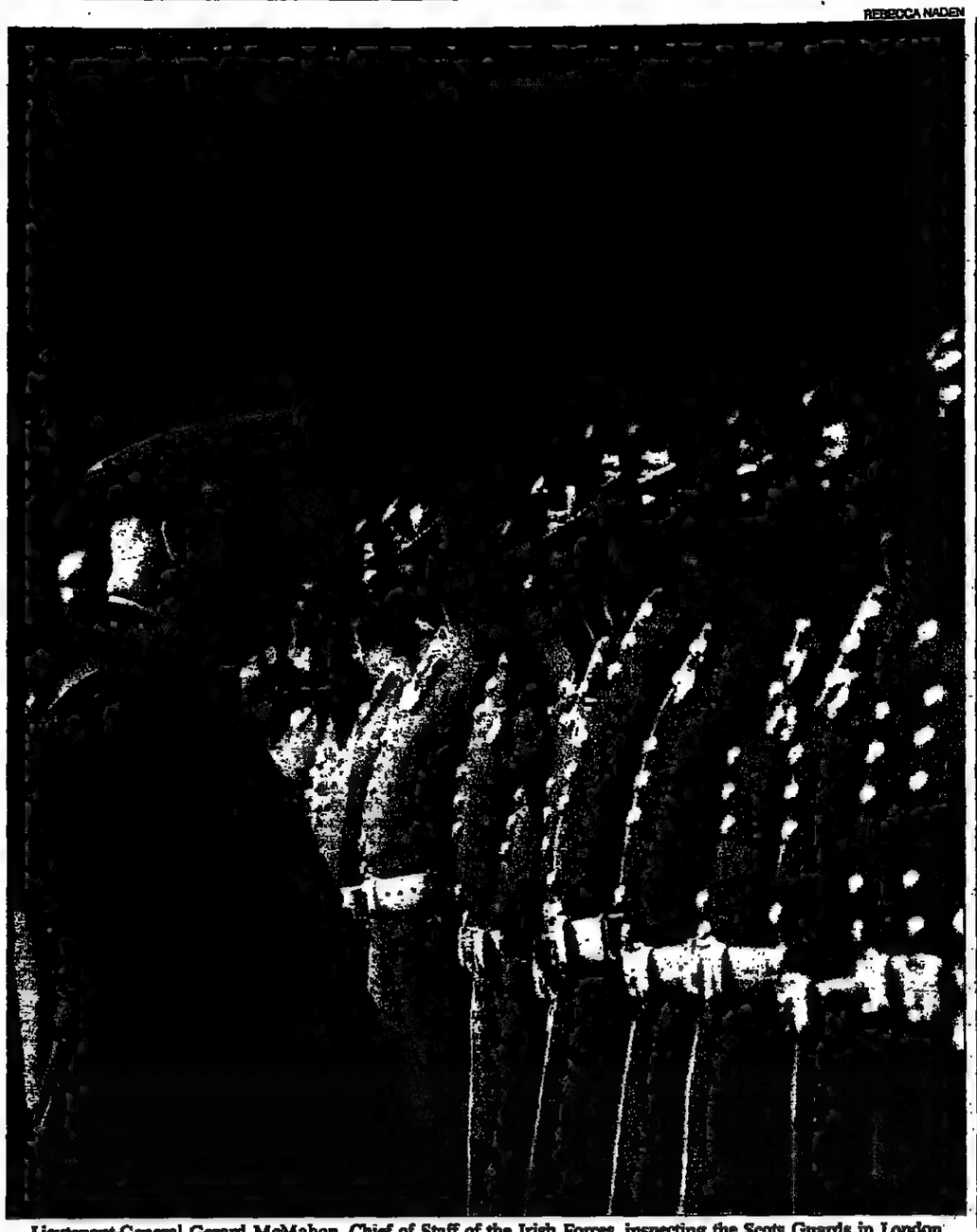
Cambridge
Peterhouse
The following elections have been made at Peterhouse, Cambridge, with effect from October 1.
Official Fellowship: Scott Howard Mandlebrote, MA (Oxford) St John's and Hertford Colleges, Oxford.
Bye Fellowship: David Robert Richards, MA, PhD, St John's College, Cambridge.

Greenwich School of Management

The following Greenwich School of Management students were *conferred with the degree of Master* of Business Administration at the Congregation for the Conferment of Degrees of the University *of Hull, July 1998:*
Bradley Bamfield (Distinction), David Andrew Black (Distinction), Suresh Kumar Vittal Kotha (Distinction), Sergey Poutinsev (Distinction), Jashpal Singh Thind (Distinction), Edward Owirodu Appiah, Adesubu Bamgbose, Mary Philomena Cooper, Nikhil Dasar, Purabi Dev, K V Dinakar, Eucharia Emeruwa, Mazher Khan Farooqui, Andrew Paul Goodwin, Victor Grimes, Nicholas Halkias, Keith St Aubyn Hurst, Mohammad Nisar Jaffar, Morenike Olaiya Jameson, Mark Alan Jones, Gregory James Kirby, Harold Kurt Wilhelm Kober, Charoensuk *Kraiwong, Luis Fernando Loreti*, Anthony John Lynch, Michael John Maguire, Stephen Patrick Makinson, Esther Norma Boyd McCance, Ashish Mishra, Elfrieda Montford, Harriet Betty Mulyanti Nakanjakko, Betty Nanor, Phani Nawachira, Mobolaji Olatunbosun Odanya, Abdulfatai Kolawole Oniyangi, Obaseyi Adesanya Osoba, Yuphawon Panrong, Piyush Parwal, Tilemachoe Pekkidis, Usman Babatunde Rahaman, Sumati Sandy Sharma, Rosemary Sithole, Janet Elaine Smith, Woro Aditi Byouta Soeryodhiningrat, Wanlee Sunnitilawan, Jitimu Thongbor, Christopher Charles *Vaughan, Alexandre Verzeulen*, Sally Wiggell, Fivos Zarbis.

Greenwich School of Management

The following Greenwich School of Management students were conferred with the degree of *Bachelor* of Science in Business Management at the Congregation for the Conferment of Degrees of the University of Hull, July 1998:
Sven Markus Alexander Pehrsson (First Class Honours), Richard Utienius (First Class Honours), Jonas Erik Martin Bjornum, Johan Gorecki, *Maria Helena Hadfors*, Jessica Kamilla Norrman, Anna Elisabet Oesterstroem, Gustav Rosen, Ivar Andreas Helmut Schuh, Aleta Barnall Alser, Nigel Leonard Bailey, Abubakar Bello, Bridgette Lorraine *Harriott, Oliver Eastcott Hayzelden*, Anju Poonith, Seo Sannoh, Kanyarat Sirihienthong, Suki Lai Ming Yip, Priscilla Zafar.



REBECCA NADEN

Lieutenant-General Gerard McMahon, Chief of Staff of the Irish Forces, inspecting the Scots Guards in London yesterday — the first time a British guard of honour has greeted a visiting head of the Irish Defence Forces

Birthdays today

Sir Bernard Ashley, honorary life president and non-executive director, Laura Ashley Holdings, 72; Sir Richard Barratt, former Chief Inspector of Constabulary, 70; Mr *Don Boyd, film director*, 50; Sir Geoffrey Cass, former chief executive, Cambridge University Press, 66; Mr D.V. Day, Principal, St John's College, Durham University, 62; Mr James Eaton, Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Londonderry, 71; Professor J.R.S. Fincham, FRS, geneticist, 72; Dr Bob Hepple, Master, Clare College, Cambridge, 64; Professor Alun Hoddinott, composer, 69; Professor Derry Jeffares, Honorary Professor of English Studies, Stirling University, 78; Sir Aaron Klug, OM, PRS, biochemist, 72; Mr Raymond Leppard, *conductor*, 71; Mr Nigel Martyn, footballer, 32; Miss Anna Massey, actress, 61; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Julian Oswald, 65; Judge David Pearl, 54; Sir Michael Quinlan, former civil servant, 68; *Dame Angela Rumbold*, former MP, 66; the Right Rev J.L. Thompson, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 62; Lord Varley, 66; Mr Tamás Vasary, pianist and conductor, 65.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Betterton, *actor and dramatist, London*, 1635; Richard Mead, physician, London, 1673; Joseph Nollekins, sculptor, London, 1737; Rowland Hill, 1st Viscount Hill, general, Hawkstone, Shropshire, 1772; *Charlotte Yonge, novelist*, Otterbourne, Hampshire, 1823; Marie François Carnot, President of France 1887-94, Limoges, 1837; Christian Eijkman, physician, Nobel laureate 1929, Nijkerk, The *Netherlands*, 1858; *Owen Nares*, actor-manager, Maiden Erleigh, Berkshire, 1888; Hugh McDiarmid (Christopher Grieve), poet, Langholme, Dumfries, 1892.

DEATHS: Hans Memling, *painter, Bruges*, 1494; John Henry Newman, cardinal, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 1890; Andrew Carnegie, steel industrialist and philanthropist, Lenox, Massachusetts, 1919; Edith Wharton, novelist, *Brice-sous-Forêt*, 1937; Jackson Pollock, Expressionist painter, East Hampton, New York, 1956.

The Atlantic Charter was signed by Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt, 1941.

Crown Prince Hussein of Jordan was named successor to his father King Talal, 1952.

The French colony of Chad became independent, 1960.

Latest wills

Tamar Barker, of Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire, left estate valued at £897,061 net.

William John Pearce Bateman, of Hyde Lea, Stafford, left estate valued at £565,797 net.

He left shares in his residuary estate to Guide Dogs for the Blind and the RNLI.

Xenia Cook, of Heighlington, Lincoln, left estate valued at £592,931 net.

Vera Jean Elizabeth Farrant, of Crawley, Winchester, Hampshire, left estate valued at £877,509 net.

Ronald Albert Hawkings, farmer, of Stagsden, Bedfordshire, left estate valued at £970,383 net.

William Little, of Maidenhead, left estate valued at £509,453 net.

Graham Paul Morris, of Neston, South Wirral, left estate valued at £519,563 net.

John Hugh Lamond Parker, of Higham, Colchester, Essex, left estate valued at £620,307 net.

Ernest Rayner, of Horton, Slough, left estate valued at £503,133 net.

Alice Jean Stiley, of Barnt Green, Birmingham, left estate valued at £508,841 net.

Edith Thomson Walters, of Crowborough, East Sussex, left estate valued at £645,489 net.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Russell Avery, Rector, Lane Cove St Andrew, Sydney, (Australia): to be Priest-in-Charge, The Nord-Pas-de-Calais Chaplaincy, France (Europe).
Canon Kenneth Beake, Priest-in-Charge, Norwich St Stephen, and Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Norwich): to be Priest-in-Charge, Cringleford w Colney and Bawburgh (same diocese).
The Rev Simon Cade, Curate, Calne and Blackland (Salisbury): to be Team Vicar, Basingstoke (Winchester).
The Rev David Casswell, Chaplain, HM Wolds Remand Centre: to be Vicar, Clifton St Philip and St James (York).
The Rev Alison Clarke, NSM Assistant Curate, Little Ilford *St Michael (Chelmsford): to be* NSM Assistant Curate, Woodford St Mary w St Phillip and St James (same diocese).

Retirements and resignations
The Rev Michael Burke, Vicar, Canon Pyon w Kings Pyon and Birley, and Priest-in-Charge, Wellington w Pipe-cum-Lyde and Moreton-on-Lugg (Hereford) to retire August 31.
The Rev Joyce Clarke, Curate, Prestbury (Chester) to retire June 30.
The Rev Donald Ferriday, Rector, West Kirby St Bridget (Chester) to retire July 31.
The Rev Thomas Harper, Team Rector, North Tyne and Redesdale Team, and Rural Dean of Bellingham (Newcastle) to retire June 30.
Canon Kenneth Harris, NSM Priest-in-Charge, Ashton Hayes (Chester) to retire July 16.
Canon Thomas Williamson, Vicar, Gosberton, Gosberton Clough and Quadrin (Lincoln) to retire November 14.
Canon Patrick Hobson, Team Rector, Waltham Holy Cross *(Chelmsford) to retire* August 15.
The Rev Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby, Rector, Wigmore Abbey (Hereford) to resign October 31.
The Rev Jill Talbot-Ponsonby, NSM Assistant Curate, Wigmore Abbey (Hereford) to resign October 31.
The Rev Michael Warchus, Vicar, Acomb St Stephen (York) to retire June 30.

Other appointments
Richard Beadle CA to be Church Army Captain, Nelson St Philip (Blackburn).
Lisa Fenton to be Diocesan Board of Education Schools' Adviser (Blackburn).
Captain David Waters CA, to be Deanery Evangelist and Youth Worker, Yaxley (Ely).

Correction
The Rev Michael Burke, Vicar, Canon Pyon w Kings Pyon and Birley, and Priest-in-Charge, Wellington (Hereford) to retire August 31.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.H.A. Cecil and Miss J.C. Howes
The engagement is announced between David, twin son of the late the Hon Henry Cecil and the late Lady (Rohays) Boyd-Rochfort, and Joanna, twin daughter of the late David Howes and of Mrs Jean Howes.

Mr C.E.F. Clive and Miss V. Rose
The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of the late Mr Peter Clive and of Mrs Clive, of Nunnington, York, and Victoria, daughter of Mr Christopher Rose, of Kirkbymoorside, Yorkshire, and Mrs Paula Rose, of Cambridge.

Mr M.W.D. Dent and Miss R.M. Whittall
The engagement is announced between Matthew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Dent, of Withington, Herefordshire, and Robyn, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Whittall, of Dilwyn, Herefordshire.

Mr A.H. Hope and Miss S.S. Brooking
The engagement is announced between Andrew Hugh Hope, of Aldsworth, Gloucestershire, son of the late Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Hugh Hope, and Samantha Sara, daughter of Major General and Mrs Patrick Brooking, of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Mr R. O'Dell Poulden and Miss C.J. Crichton
The engagement is announced between Richard O'Dell Poulden, of Tibbiwell House, Painswick, Gloucestershire, only son of the late Commander Edward Poulden, CBE, and the late Valerie Poulden (née Crowther), of Painswick, Gloucestershire, and Camilla, eldest daughter of Sally and Desmond Bain, of Fowey, Cornwall, and Angus Crichton, of Kingsbridge, Devon.

Mr N. Ross Russell and Miss V.R. Owston
The engagement is announced between Neil, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Graham Ross Russell, of Notting Hill, London, and Vanessa, daughter of the late Mr Anthony Owston and of Mrs Owston, of Ashford, Kent.

The Hon H.F.C. Vane and Miss L.K. Robson
The engagement is announced between Harry, only son of Lord Barnard, of Raby Castle, County Durham, and of Lady Davina Barnard, of Barningham, North Yorkshire, and Kate, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Robson, of Rudd Hill, Richmond, North Yorkshire.

Marriages

Mr N.A. Waters and Miss F.B. Macintyre
The marriage took place on Friday, August 7, in Tunbridge Wells, of Mr Nigel A. Waters, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Waters, of Epsom, Surrey, to Miss Fiona B. Macintyre, daughter of Professor and Mrs Iain Macintyre, of Broad Oak, East Sussex.
A reception was held at Great Broadhurst Farm, Broad Oak, home of the bride.

Mr B.G. White and Miss M. Imms
The marriage took place on Friday, July 10, at Borthwick Castle, Midlothian, of Brendan Gerald White to Meredith Imms, both of Northamptonshire.

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BIRTHS

BANNISTER - On 3rd August 1998 to Andrew and Tracey (née Lucas) a son, James John, a brother for Antonia Rose.

CROW - On August 5th at The Portland Hospital to Yoko and *Nigel, a lovely* daughter, Jessica Ami, a sister to Oliver Tuuta.

GOODWIN - On 6th August 1998, to Anna (née Salvin) and Christopher, a daughter, Madeleine Ilona, a sister for Alexander.

HADJISYMEOU - On August 7th at The Portland Hospital to Anna and George a son, Kristoff Georgio, brother for Philippe and Gabriella.

HARRISON - On August 4th at The Portland Hospital to Donna and Mark a daughter, Felicity, a sister for Emily and Beatrice.

JONES - On August 2nd at The Portland Hospital to Geraldine and Dwayne, twins, Nathan and Georgina, a brother and sister to Shaun.

KINAHAN - On August 8th, to Lisa (née Sturge) and Harry, a son (Fergus de Burgh).

KISPATAKI - On August 7th at The Portland Hospital to Andrea and Tivadar, a son, Kalman, a brother for Zsuzsan.

LANE - To Charlie and Jo (née Fairey) on 20th July 1998, a beautiful daughter, Georgina Felicity Eliza, a sister for Harry.

LILLIECRUST - On August 4th at The Portland Hospital to Ann and Ejell, a daughter, Emma Rebecca.

MALONE: On August 3rd at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Camilla (née Wyer) and Tyler, a son, Thomas Alaric John.

MELLERS - On August 4th, to Susie (née Middleniss) and John, a daughter, Lucy. Thanks to the wonderful team at The Portland Hospital.

PALMER - On August 6th to Lucille (née Jarrold) and John, a daughter (Alexa Florence) a sister for Emily and Rosalie.

SACKVILLE-WEST - On August 5th, to Jane (née MacAndrew) and Robert, a daughter, Freya.

SLAUGHTER - On July 31st at The Portland Hospital to Carla and Mark, a son, William James Franklin, a brother for Alexander.

VAUGHAN - JOHNSON - Simon and Fiona (née Wrangham) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Laura Susan on Saturday 8th August at 5.11pm in Hong Kong.

DEATHS

ALLWOOD - D. Peter D.F.C., Squadron Leader R.A.F. retired, died peacefully aged 79 in Ludlow Hospital, with his beloved wife Janet beside him on 6th August 1998. He was father of Sue, Lorrel and Ted and the grandfather of Tom, Kate, Eleanor and Alicia. Funeral at noon on *Wednesday 19th August at* St Peter's Church, Stanton Lacey.

BEVAN - Vera Corinne Collier on 5th August 1998, aged 83. Younger daughter of the late William Collier Bevan and the late Lilly Bevan of Swansea. Former *Head of Science Dept. and* Housemistress at St. Swithun's School, Winchester. Funeral service in Winchester Cathedral on Wednesday 26th August at 2.00 pm. Donations, if desired, to St Swithun's School c/o Jas. Steel & Son, Chesil House Winchester SO23 0HU.

BLAKE - Bernard Henry Lewis on Thursday March 5th. Dearly beloved husband of Eve, father of Susan, grandfather of Jo and Francesca and to all that knew him, a friend who will be missed more than he, in sincere modesty, could ever believe. Cremation at Chichester Crematorium on Friday 14th August at 11.30 am. No flowers please but those that wish may send donations to Cancer Research c/o Kevin Holland Funeral Service, 246 Chichester Road, Bognor Regis. 01243 865630.

BOLSOVER - Peter Anthony, on August 7th aged 76 years, of Hodnet Shropshire. Formally of Worsley, Manchester. Beloved husband of Pat, remembered with great affection by family and friends. Funeral service at 1.00pm on Thursday August 13th at St Luke's Church Hodnet, followed by cremation. No flowers by request, donations if desired to St Luke's Church. Hodnet. Enquiries please to J R Williams F.D. Tel:01630 654480.

BRIEE - Cyril Gustave, b. 6th March 1906, died peacefully at Warrington on 7th August. After qualifying as a medical doctor, specialising in tropical medicine, he worked in India during WWII. Upon his return he built up a country practice at Grimston, Norfolk, retiring in 1975. His wife Sheila died in 1995. A graveside service will be held at Fox Covert Cemetery in Appleton, Cheshire, at 2 pm 13th August. Donations, instead of flowers please, to the British Dyslexia Association, 98 London Road, Reading RG1 5AU.

CAPADOSE - Peacefully on August 8th after a short illness in hospital. Colonel Jimmy Capadose, 73, beloved husband of Monica, dear father of Julian, Adriana and Jeremy, and much loved grandfather. Private cremation. Thanksgiving service and interrment of ashes to be announced. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to St Mary's Church, Westerham or SSAFA, Kent.

CARLESS - Derek Kingdon, peacefully at home in High Wycombe on August 7th 1998, aged 69 years. Much loved husband of Mary, father of Anne and David, grandfather of Lucy, Jack and Bobby. Funeral at the Chiltern Crematorium on August 19th at 12.30. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Nurses, c/o Sawyers Funeral Services, 32 West Street, Marlow, Bucks.

CLARE - David John unexpectedly died in Montreal Canada on 1st August (aged 46). Beloved husband and best friend of Mary and father of Jennifer and Jonathan. Funeral 12.00 o'clock Friday 14th August at Christ Church Chapel Lane, Flackwell Heath, Bucks. Family flowers only. Donations to N.S.E. Chalfont St Peter.

CLIFFORD - Mollie, aged 79 years. Suddenly on August 8th 1998 after a long illness both stoically born, and fought with courage. devoted wife of the late Rev. Claud and much loved mother of Donald, Andrea, Morris and Marilyn. A loving grandmother.

COBERN - Charles John Julian, beloved brother of the late Pamela, Canon Emeritus of St Albans Cathedral, died 4th August 1998. Funeral Requiem, St Mary's, Rock Gardens, Brighton, 13th August, Noon. No flowers. Donations to St Mary's Church. Enquiries 01273 688601

COLE - Major Frederick Lewens Cole, M.C. and Bar. Dearly beloved husband of Dragica, passed away peacefully on 8th August 1998 after a long illness. Deeply missed by his wife and family. Funeral on 13th August at 3.00 pm at Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, 89 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QQ (near: Ladbroke Grove Underground) and afterwards at the church.

CRABTREE - Sylvia Mary (née Barrington-Ward), died peacefully August 7th at Mount Alvernia Hospital Guildford, aged 89. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Quarry Street Guildford, Thursday August 13th at 3.00pm.

CRAIG - Joy Mancha on August 5th 1998 aged 88 years, peacefully. Beloved wife of Bill and much *loved mother of Penny* and Malcolm, and grandmother of Angus and Alastair. Funeral at All Saints Church, Branksome Park, Poole, Monday August 17th 2pm. Family flowers only.

DUDDINGTON - On August 6th 1998 peacefully. Dr Alexander John Ertel in his 79th year, husband of Nataly, father of Katya, Martha and Lydia. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd. Tel: 0171 387 6075

EVERARD - Angus, C.St.J., M.B., Ch.B. Sqdr. Ldr., RAF (ret.). On August 8th, 1998, (peacefully) at home. In Devonport, Auckland, N.Z. Darling very much loved husband and friend of Margery. Wonderful father of Toby, Pene and Angie, and beloved brother of Kenneth and Anne.

EVERSHED - Lilian May, aged 87 years. August 7th 1998. Peacefully at home. Much loved aunt and great-aunt. Funeral Thursday 13th August at 2.30pm at Ivington Church, Leominster, Herefordshire. Enquiries R. W. Mann & Son, Tel 01568-612258.

FLEMING - Irene Jessie Reid (née Bromley), died at peace in All Hallows Hospital on August 5th 1998 aged 89 years. Widow of M.H.V. (Mac) Fleming and mother of Jean Martin and the late Sarah Steele (d.1985), grandmother of Stephen, Phillip, Alice and Tom, and Adam, Judith and Lucy (in Canada), mother-in-law of John and Peter and great grandmother of seven, she will leave a huge gap in the lives of her family and her many friends. Private family cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity, Bungay at 2.00pm on Monday, August 17th. Donations, if desired, to *Holy Trinity or to All* Hallows Hospital. Ditchingham can be sent c/o Cossey Funeral Services, 12 Chaucer Street, Bungay, NR35 1DT.

GOODWIN - Gunnar Engberg died peacefully at Glen Almond on Wednesday August 5th 1998 after a short illness. Beloved husband of Kathleen (d. 1983), loving father of Jon, Peter and Mark (d. 1976), father-in-law to Sally and proud grandfather of Lucinda and Alexandra. A kind, thoughtful brother, particularly to Meg. No flowers please, collection for the MacMillan Fund at the funeral - Perth Crematorium, Wednesday August 12th 2.30pm. Reception at Ardanthie Hotel, Crieff. All welcome.

HACKMAN - Kate Evelyn, passed away in her sleep at St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, on 6th August. Deeply mourned by her daughter Josephine, her son Charles and grand daughters Hanna and Kathryn. Funeral Service at 12noon on Wednesday 12th August at Worthing Crematorium.

HEATH - Suddenly on August 6th Cecil Richard (Dick) Heath F.R.I.B.A., F.C.I. Arb. Liveryman of the City of London, of Jesmond Newcastle Upon Tyne and formerly of Sunderland. Much loved husband of Kathleen and dear father of Alexandra, Anthony and Ashley, and a loved grandfather. Funeral service at West Road Crematorium Newcastle, on Wednesday 12th August at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

JONES - Ann Jones (née Brice Smyth) Justice of the Peace. Peacefully while the sun shone - at Yeowood on Sunday, 9th August 1998. Deeply loved wife and closest friend of His Honour Judge Graham Hume Jones and adored and adoring mother of Hume, Ben and Kate. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service at All Saints, Wrington on Thursday, 13th August 1998 at 3.00pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for The Wrington Medical Practice and the Bristol Oncology Centre, may be sent to Keith C. Britton and Son, 10 High Street, Yatton, Bristol BS19 4JA.

KEATINGE - Sir Edgar Mayne O.B.E. (Mike), on August 7th 1998 peacefully at Barnham Croft Nursing Home Salisbury in his 94th year. Private family cremation and memorial service to be arranged at Teffont Evias.

LILLY - Dee (Dorothy Ann Eastwood) who passed away peacefully on 7th August 1998 aged 65 years. She will be very sadly missed by friends as much as family. Funeral Service to be held at West Herts Crematorium on Wednesday 19th August 1998 at 2.20 pm. All inquiries to Phillips Funeral Services tel: 01727 851008.

LINDSEY - Dr. Mark, on 29th July, 1998, husband of Helen, father of Owen and Beth. Rest in peace.

MARSHALL SMITH - William, died peacefully on August 6th in Cape Town. Beloved husband of Mariota.

MERRICK - Peter Hugh Crosbie, died suddenly at home on August 3rd 1998. Much loved husband of Sue, father of Piers, James and Sophy, brother to Lyn and son of Richard. Funeral service will be held at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead Surrey at 4.30pm on Wednesday August 12th.

MILWARD - On August 5th, Mary, aged 88, daughter of the late Major General Sir Clement and Lady Milward. Funeral service Thursday August 13th, St Peter's Church, Pettistree, Suffolk 2pm.

MOHAN - Pearey, MA (Cantab) beloved father of Ursula and Anita, grandfather of Tiffany and Tom, passed away peacefully on Wednesday 5th August aged 80 years. Details of a memorial service to be advised.

POOLE - Margaret Joyce, née Kyle, peacefully, at the Borders General Hospital, on 8th August, 1998, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Loved by all her patients and her many friends, and a generous friend of the Jesuit Order. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Eaton, on Friday, 14th August, at 2pm, followed by burial at *Ednam Churchyard*. All friends are warmly invited.

SALES - Eric Charles aged 96. Passed away peacefully at Pythome on 5th August.

SMALLWOOD - On August 7th peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Elizabeth Allen (née Webber) widow of Dr Alexander Smallwood, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service at St Bartholomew's Church Wick, near Bristol, on Friday 14th August at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please but if desired, donations in lieu to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council c/o E.C. Alderwick and Son Ltd, 11 Regent Street, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 2JX.

SOLLY - Sarah (née Sheila Edmunds) died peacefully on 4th August 1998 very *lovally* remembered by husband Mark and family. Service 11am 11th August at Kingston Crematorium.

TIMME - Ballymore Lodge, Ballyconneelly, County Galway, July 31st 1998 in an accident, Edward, much loved son of Nick and Rosie and brother of Emma and Alexine. Funeral Roundstone Tuesday 12 noon.

TURLEY - Olive, of Gosforth. On August 6th 1998, wife and darling friend of Richard, mother of Pimm and the late Sue, grandmother of Nicholas and Benjamin and mother-in-law of Chris, pray that Olive in heaven may enjoy eternal life. Burial near Sue at Bamburgh, Northumberland, Friday August 14th at 3pm.

TUZO - General Sir Harry Cranford Tuzo, G.C.B., O.B.E., M.C., D.L. On August 7th after a short illness aged 80. Dearly loved husband of Monica, loving father of Victoria, father-in-law of Mark adored grandfather of Rosie, William and Jemima. Funeral service at S.S. Peter and Paul Church Fakenham on Friday August 14th at 12.00 noon. A service of Thanksgiving in London to be announced. Family flowers only, but if desired donations for The Royal Artillery Charitable Fund, c/o Cuxler and son F.D., Highfield Rd, Fakenham Norfolk.

TYRWHITT - On August 5th 1998 Kathleen widow of the late Lieutenant Commander L.R.K. Tyrwhitt R.N., D.S.O., D.S.C., daughter of late Brig. Gen. Paul Kenna V.C., D.S.O., and of the late Mrs A. V. Johnson. The Requiem Mass will be held at St Thomas More Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Friday August 14th at 11am. No flowers, but if desired donations to Dorothy House Foundation, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon. BA15 2LE.

UNDERHILL - John Philip, 1906-1998. ("Pot" to thousands of Old Eastbournians) died peacefully at All Saints Hospital, Eastbourne, August 5th, 1998. Funeral service, Eastbourne College Chapel Tuesday, August 11th at 2pm. Family flowers only.

VAUSE - On August 7th 1998 in hospital and of Newlands Bolton, Betty Diana Vause M.B.E., J.P., aged 75 years. Beloved wife of the late Dr Jack Vause. By her own request the funeral service and cremation will take place in Overdale Crematorium, Bolton on Friday August 14th at 12.00 noon. A memorial service will be held in Christ Church Heaton, Bolton on Sunday 13th September at 5.30pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired for Bolton Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Ralphs Funeral Service, Arden House, Blackburn Road, Bolton Tel: 01204 523488.

VINER - On August 8th 1998, peacefully in North London, Frederick William, aged 71. Beloved husband of Molly and much loved father of Jadie and Nicholas. Funeral service at Christchurch, Waterfall Road, Southgate on Thursday August 16th at 12:30. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to North London Hospice, c/o Leverton and Sons Ltd, 1 Denmark Terrace, London N2 9HG.

WINDSOR-RICHARDS - Clive died peacefully 10th August aged 95. Dearly loved husband of Diana. Will also be missed by all his step-children. Funeral private.

WRIGHT - John Charles peacefully at home on August 7th 1998 after an illness bravely borne. Beloved husband of Helen, dearly loved and missed by Andrew and Chris, John, Mary and Rob, David and Bron and by his *grandchildren Chris, Sally*, Tim, Pete, Hannah, Jenny, Joe, Susie, Beth and Grace. Fondly remembered by friends and former pupils of *Chew Valley* and Lady Hawkins. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Chew Magna at 11 o'clock on Friday 14th August. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o Michael Rowe, Tunbridge Cottage, Chew Magna, Bristol.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MUNRO FERGUSON - The Memorial Service for Arthur Munro Ferguson will be held on Thursday August 27th at St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness at 2pm.

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BITUARIES

GENERAL SIR HARRY TUZO

Iieneral Sir Harry Tuzo, GCB, IE, MC, Deputy Supreme Allied mmander, Europe, 1976-78, died August 7 aged 80. He was born on August 26, 1917.

Harry Tuzo was a man for all politico-military seasons: an able soldier and, latterly, a successful chair- a in the armaments industry; an overt personality with quick wit, ut charm, and the ability to handle nanner of men from leading inter- onal political, military and industri- igures down to the lowliest private tier or worker on the shopfloor; a suasive and easy-speaker, who e over as well on television as in conference room; a lover of classi- music; and a man who breathed at confidence into any enterprise he lertook.

Iarry Tuzo's military career demon- ated the truth of Wavell's maxim t luck is an essential ingredient for cess in high command; until he ched the rank of major-general he l always been up with the leaders was never quite seen as having C- C or Army Board potential. Luck n played its part: General Erskine um died unexpectedly a few weeks r assuming the appointment GOC l Director of Operations in North- Ireland early in 1971 at the height of IRA threat. Tuzo was selected to e his place at short notice, and more n justified the Army Board's coinf- ce in him during the two most tur- lent years of the Troubles.

Tuzo's military abilities, coupled h his political awareness and intel- tual strengths, enabled him to direct erations in Northern Ireland with re- rkable sureness of touch. His rap- rt with his political masters, his firm- ss with his subordinate commanders d his ability to handle the media — helped him to master his difficult k. Moreover, he had the mental resil- ce to be able to take the many set- cks associated with the conflict in his ide, and the temperament not to be- me emotionally involved in local tra- les and the frustrations of the people d their politicians.

It was thanks to his own very consid- able efforts that he won the full sup- rt and confidence of the Cabinet and rmy Board as he faced the IRA's first termined military offensive, which gan soon after he arrived in the Pro- ce: then the rioting against the con- quential introduction of internment thout trial in 1971; and the ultimate horrors of "Bloody Sunday" in Londonderry in January and "Bloody Friday" in Belfast in July 1972. His outstanding success was the planning and execution of Operation Motorman, which prised open the republican "no-go" areas in both cities, and forced the IRA to turn from trying to generate an all-out revolutionary war towards a terrorist campaign.

Tuzo photographed after taking command in Northern Ireland in 1971

Harry Craufurd Tuzo was born in Bangalore, Southern India, the son of John A. Tuzo, and was educated at Wellington and Oriel College, Oxford. He was commissioned into the Royal Artillery from the Supplementary Reserve of Officers in August 1939. He joined the 21st Anti-Tank Regiment RA, serving with it throughout the war, first in the 1st Divisional Artillery in the British Expeditionary Force, and later in the Guards Armoured Division in Normandy and North-West Europe, where he won his MC and had the unique experience of having a German admiral, their Flag Officer, Submarines, surrender to him personally at the end of the war.

His career after the war was a balanced mix of staff and artillery appointments. He was made a brevet lieutenant-colonel in 1958 after commanding L (Nery) Battery, in the 2nd Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, and served in the Staff Duties Directorate of the General Staff in the War Office as a GSO1 until given command of the 3rd Regiment, RHA, in 1960. He took this out to Kenya to form part of the Strategic Reserve East of Suez with a battery detached in Aden. He was appointed OBE in 1960.

In 1962 he was appointed Assistant Commandant of Sandhurst, but stayed only for 18 months before being selected, rather surprisingly, for command of the 51st Gurkha Brigade, which was responsible for the central sector of the North Borneo territories, including Brunei, during the confrontation with Indonesia. Well pleased with Tuzo's services, the Sultan of Brunei made him a Dato Setia Nagara in 1965.

On his return to England, he attended the Imperial Defence College in 1966 before his promotion to major-general as Chief of Staff BAOR in 1967, followed by that of Director, Royal Artillery — the professional head of the Gunners — in the Ministry of Defence in 1969, a post from which he had expected to be retired. The death of Erskine Crum gave him his chance to reveal his true worth.

His success in the politico-military environment of Northern Ireland led to his appointment as Commander Northern Army Group and C-in-C BAOR in 1973, where his lightness of touch and his artillery background helped to consolidate the strategy of "flexible response" among the Nato allies. He was then an obvious choice to be General Al Haig's Deputy Supreme Commander Europe in 1976.

Tuzo retired from the Army in 1979 and took up the chairmanship of Marconi Defence Systems. He kept in close touch with the Services as Master Gunner, 1977-83; as chairman of the Royal United Services Institution, 1980-83; and as chairman of the Imperial War Museum's redevelopment appeal fund from 1984. He was a Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk.

While he was Master Gunner, he piloted through the new Royal Artillery quick march to complement their well-known and much loved slow march, pleasingly blending *The Voice of the Guns* with *The British Grenadiers*.

He married Monica Patience Slater in 1943. She and their only daughter survive him.

COLIN IMRAY

Colin Imray, colonial policeman and author, died on July 2 aged 89. He was born on August 21, 1909.

COLIN IMRAY was the man who fired the shots which began the end of British rule in Africa and accelerated the events that Harold Macmillan would later refer to as "the wind of change".

In February 1948, Imray was the superintendent in charge of police in Accra. The Gold Coast had long been considered Britain's model colony in West Africa, but there was growing unrest. Its economy was in poor shape; inflation was high and Africans were boycotting the imported goods stores run by Greeks and Lebanese. Furthermore, the cocoa crop was suffering from a blight known as swollen shoot disease. Rumours began to abound that the British had introduced the blight deliberately in order to shift the cocoa plantations to another colony.

Stirring this volatile mix was a nationalist movement dancing to the inspired oratory of Kwame Nkrumah. Much of Nkrumah's support came from the 63,000 ex-servicemen in the country who had served in the British officered African divisions in East Africa and then against the Japanese in Burma.

On Saturday, February 28, Imray, together with another British officer, Barry Lane, and some 30 African police of whom 11 had firearms, found themselves at a crossroads confronting 2,000 angry ex-servicemen. The crowd was on its way to Government House, ostensibly to deliver a petition concerning living conditions and other matters to the Governor, Sir Gerald Creasy.

Two days previously, the organisers of the march had agreed to deliver their petition to the Government's Secretariat building. Lulled by this, the Police Commissioner, Sir Richard Ballantine, had been quite sanguine about the protest. Imray had never shared his superior's confidence. By mid-afternoon his worst fears had come to pass. Many of the war veterans were drunk on palm wine. Some had armed themselves with sticks and cudgels, and there were plenty of loose stones lying about.

Imray ordered his bugler to sound the alert and then stepped forward and told the crowd to disperse. The response was a shower of stones. Barry Lane, the other European officer present, replied with tear gas grenades, but they were old and ineffectual. Then Lane was brought down by a stone which caught him full in the face, breaking several teeth. He struggled back to his feet, but Imray, who was himself suffering from a cracked rib, a badly bruised kneecap and a cut under one eye, felt that they were on the brink of being overwhelmed.

With the crowd no more than thirty yards away, he ordered the armed party to load one round — a showy business involving much rattling of rifle bolts, which was intended to intimidate. The veterans, egged on by a man with a wooden horn, were unimpressed. Imray gave the order to shoot but nothing happened. Whether this was out of fear or solidarity with the rioters was never established.

Imray described what happened next in a memoir he published last year: "Desperately I tore the rifle and bandoleer from the nearest man, stuffed six rounds into the magazine, levelled on the man with the horn — now very close — and fired. He went down in a heap. Again, this time at his companion, and he too died. The crowd wavered and turned. Four more shots into their legs and they were on the run."

They did not stop running until they got back into Accra, where the heroes of Burma vented their rage in an orgy of arson and looting. Attlee's Labour Government immediately set up a commission of inquiry, with the noted lawyer Dingle Foot on the team. This not only exonerated Imray, but commended him for saving lives. Later he received the King's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

The commission was less impressed with Governor Creasy and his immediate subordinates, and recommended a degree of home rule. In 1957 the Gold Coast became independent Ghana. Less than 15 years after the Accra riots, British rule in Africa was over.

Colin Imray was born in Surrey. His father, a noted cartographer with offices in the City, sent him to Malvern College, where young Imray developed his lifelong passion for cricket. When a job in Malaya folded, he enlisted in the Palestine Police, which was a conventional training ground for Britain's colonial police forces. He was sent to the Gold Coast in 1939, remaining there throughout the Second World War.

After the Accra riots, Imray was transferred to Kenya, where he became an assistant commissioner. But he and his wife Elaine wished to bring up their children in England, and Imray was becoming disillusioned with police work. In 1958 he took early retirement, worked for some years as a junior school teacher and wrote three volumes of memoirs.

Amusing and erudite, Colin Imray bore his last illness with courage, keeping up his voluminous correspondence with friends and acquaintances to the very end. His wife predeceased him, and he is survived by two sons.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL KITSON

Professor Michael Kitson, t historian, died on August aged 72. He was born on January 30, 1926.

EW scholars, critics or historians have written about the ainting of landscape with reater sensitivity and elearance or taught the subject ith a deeper understanding an Michael Kitson, who for ore than forty years lectured students in Britain and America, finishing his career as Professor of History of Art in the Universities of London and Yale.

From 1955 to 1985, he taught at the Courtauld Institute of Art in London University. Under the directorship of Anthony Blunt, the institute was at that date the leading centre in the world for the study of art history. Kitson, one of its most distinguished members, served as lecturer, reader and professor, becoming in due course deputy director, teaching and training a generation of art historians who now hold chairs and direct museums around the world.

In 1986 Kitson was appointed Director of the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art in London. It was a happy choice, a golden epilogue to his Courtauld career, and in the six years of his directorship Kitson strengthened the cordial relations with the "mother house" in Yale, while fostering autonomous academic achievements in London. His generosity and his modesty were contagious, and, as always where Kitson was concerned, it seemed possible for all involved to attain the highest standards with a complete absence of academic vanity or acrimony.

In his retirement, happily spent with his partner of many years, Judith Colton, he continued to work, contributing in 1997 to the catalogue of the National Gallery's exhibition of the Mahon collection of Baroque paintings.

The son of a clergyman, Michael William Lely Kitson was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, at King's College, Cambridge, and at the Courtauld Institute. His education was interrupted by three years in the Army, 1945-48, which saw him commissioned into the Royal Engineers and attached to Security Intelligence Middle East in Egypt.

In 1952 he was appointed an assistant lecturer in the history of art at the Slade School, a post he held until 1954. The following year he joined the Courtauld, where he was to remain for the next 30 years.

Kitson: conveyed the poetry of landscape painting

His artistic, like his human, sympathies were wide. From the beginning Kitson established himself as an authority on Claude Lorraine, the 17th-century French landscape painter, and also on Turner; and for the whole of his career he continued to publish on both. This might not seem very surprising, given Turner's interest in — indeed, infatuation with — the works of Claude. But on top of this Kitson over the years published books which have remained authoritative on Rembrandt and Caravaggio, and valuable general studies of both Baroque and Romanticism.

At the heart of his work, however, lay Claude Lorraine, whose poetic evocations of an ideal landscape have for centuries beguiled British art lovers, and have even shaped our notions of what a properly landscaped garden ought to be. In 1969 Kitson organised the first exhibition ever devoted to the artist. Highly popular, it was a rigorously selective show: a larger choice, he characteristically explained, "would not have served any scholarly purpose and might have seemed excessive to people who rightly come to exhibitions for pleasure".

In the introduction to the catalogue — one of the finest pieces ever written on Claude — Kitson set out his ideas on how the artist should be approached. "The first quality necessary to the enjoyment of Claude's art is patience. He is not a painter who offers instant sensations . . . The process of coming to terms with his work is one of careful adjustment, of opening oneself to the harmonies in which he specialises . . . It repays the patience expended on it by *lasting*, by being — as Constable said of a copy of Claude he was making — 'something to drink at again and again'."

In the body of the catalogue, a full scholarly apparatus of chronology and provenance, condition and bibliography was deployed. The political and intellectual worlds which shaped the artist's life and the structures of patronage affecting his production were rapidly sketched. Yet in every entry, as in everything he wrote, it is clear that for Kitson these were secondary questions; for painting a landscape was above all an act of poetic creation, which may be studied, tracked, described, but never fully understood.

This approach was surely in large measure the result of his having first read English at Cambridge, and it is, in a particular sense, literary. Once the authenticity of the text (or picture) is established, and its context set, the full ungraspable poetic achievement of the artist may be assessed and admired. And the quiet ease of his style allowed him to convey an astonishing amount of information with no didactic straining, and to evoke, even for those who have never drawn or painted, something of the mysterious power of making. Here he is on Turner:

"Turner at this stage [Kitson is writing of the superb early 1840s watercolour of Lake Lucerne in the Courtauld Institute Galleries] made only rough pencil notes on the spot and executed even the watercolour sketches wholly away from the motive, in his hotel room in the evenings. In this manner, he let his imagination play over the memory of what he had seen, and fused his recollection of the literal experience of the place with the sensations it evoked in him of air, light, space and colour.

"In the finished watercolours executed later in London, this process of imaginative recreation and transformation was carried still further, so that the resulting image became like the nostalgic memory of a dream." Few since Ruskin have written on Turner to such effect.

Michael Kitson's first marriage, to Annabella Leslie Cloudsley, was dissolved. He is survived by two sons of the marriage and by his partner, Judith Colton.

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As Brecht saw him, Coriolanus was not the defender of Rome, but "a vicious parasite who instigates private wars for his own glory"

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National Theatre: Coriolanus
FROM OUR DRAMA CRITIC

This long-meditated production finally reached the stage last September, 15 years after Brecht made his first notes on the play. No spectator can hope to disentangle his work on it from that of his colleagues, but one would like to believe that if he had lived to see the project through, his ironic and contradictory spirit would have saved it from the rigidly perverse treatment that disfigures the finished product.

The interpretation is certainly Brechtian, and can be summed up on the phrase he applied to Arturo Ui as an attempt to "destroy the usual disastrous respect we feel for great murderers". Coriolanus, in other words, is not the defender of Rome but a vicious parasite who instigates private wars for his own glory which bring famine and death.

No doubt a good play could be written from this point of view: but Shakespeare, with his respect for individual magnitude (even that of murderers) and abiding suspicion of the mob, did not write it. To wrench the drama into a Marxist pattern, its hero is presented as a near-psychotic and the line of the action is diverted to show Rome being saved not by Volumnia's prayers but by a plebeian uprising (a disingenuous programme note suggests that this is what Shakespeare really meant).

But if one finally quits the theatre in a state of indignant bardolatry, it must also be said that the first half of the production is richly exciting: far more so than Guthrie's version at Nottingham although its homosexual interpretation made better sense. What the directors (Manfred Wekwerth and Joachim Tenschert) show is a society governed by a military caste that is closer to Prussia than to Rome. The patricians flaunt their wounds like duelling scars — marks of male initiation; and Ekkehard Schall's Coriolanus is an unforgettable embodiment of the bullet-headed Junker, a loud-mouthed golden boy, his lips set in a fixed sneer, and his cat-like walk never far from violence. And when the violence does erupt, it outclasses anything seen in the Royal Shakespeare's Wars of the Roses. The idiom is carefully ritualized. But what comes through — in Coriolanus's voluptuous duel with Aufidius, and in the mass assaults on Corioli with scaling ladders, and soldiers moving under shields like a single monstrous crab — is more barbarous and terrifying than any representation of naturalistic combat.

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NEWS

Sons may run Princess's secret fund

■ *Prince William and Prince Harry have been asked to take* over a secret charity run by Diana, Princess of Wales, which she used to make donations totalling hundreds of thousands of pounds to causes close to her heart.

The Princess of Wales Charities' Trust was set up in 1981 with a £100 donation from the Princess. The latest accounts filed at the Charity Commission show that it now has funds of more than £1 million ..... Pages 1, 3

English cricket freed from purgatory

■ England's cricketers escaped from 12 years of purgatory with their first win in a full series since the Ashes were retained in Australia in 1986. In the process, they redeemed a sporting summer full of false promise and overturned a few time-honoured theories about emotion and self-expression ... Page 1

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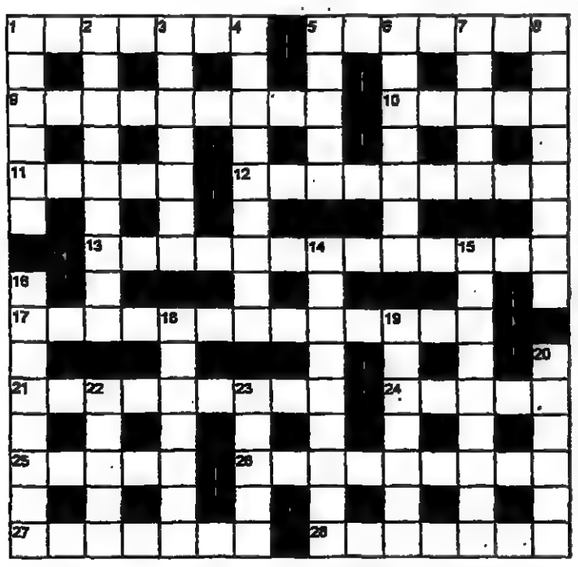

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4 Soaked before eating, dine drunkenly with a dram (9).
5 Revolutionary time for youngster in service (5).
6 Neighbours initially coming in to gather round big fire (7).
7 Shakespearean villain imprisoning male potential monarch (5).
8 Course warnings — attempt to get control over Oaks, say (8).
14 Organise us a minder — for a small charge (9).
15 Cashier giving underworld boss payment (9).
16 Hard to understand sailor's manoeuvre across entrance to tideway (8).
18 American detained by courts in another country (7).
19 *Striker with a fantasy (7).*
20 Carried out enquiry, with many put inside and charged (6).
22 How to get bark finally to move slowly? (5).
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Penzance pm to am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** the Lake District, Wales and southwest England will be overcast with drizzle near hills. Most of central, southern and eastern England will be dry with cloud breaking to give sunny spells. Southeast *England will remain hot and humid.* Southern and southeastern Scotland will brighten, with some sunshine. However, rain will spread into western Scotland and Northern Ireland, turning heavy by evening.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Channel Isles:** dry and very warm with hazy sunshine. A light northwest breeze. Max 28C (82F).

☐ **E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N England, NE England:** dry, low cloud breaking to give sunny periods. A light westerly wind. Max 26C (79F)

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** overcast with patchy drizzle, some sunny spells inland later. A light to moderate southwest wind. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** early drizzle, then occasional sunshine. Rain later. *A light variable or southwest* wind. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** cloudy, rain by midday. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** drizzle, easing later. A light variable wind. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **N Ireland:** sunny spells in the east, rain spreading west and north later. Freshening *south to southwest wind. Max 21C (70F).*

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** dry with sunny periods, then showers spreading east, becoming heavy at times. Wind moderate to fresh, southwesterly. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **Outlook:** cloudy, with thunder possible in eastern areas.

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; dd=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=showers; sl=sleet; sn=snow; ss=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.4	0.01	18	64	c
Anglesey	2.8	0.01	21	70	c
Aspatria	4.4	-	24	75	c
Aviemore	3.0	0.01	23	73	sh
Belfast	5.5	0.01	23	73	r
Birmingham	9.7	-	26	79	s
Bognor R	13.6	-	26	79	s
Bournem'th	13.0	-	24	75	s
Bristol	11.5	-	27	81	s
Buxton	4.6	-	23	73	du
Cardiff	X	-	28	82	s
Clacton	14.0	-	19	66	s
Cleethorpes	6.0	-	20	68	s
Cromer	10.7	0.01	20	68	s
Dunbar	4.7	-	20	68	b
Eastbourne	12.6	-	23	73	s
Eskdalemuir	3.2	0.01	23	73	c
Exmouth	11.6	-	21	70	s
Fishguard	4.0	0.01	21	70	c
Folkestone	13.6	-	25	77	s
Glasgow	2.2	0.01	23	73	sh
Guernsey	12.0	-	26	79	s
Hastings	13.5	-	24	75	s
Hayling I.	12.5	-	22	72	s
Hove	9.4	-	23	73	s
Hunstanton	8.1	-	25	77	b
Isle of Man	3.0	0.01	18	64	c
Isle of Wight	12.5	-	27	81	s
Jersey	13.6	-	32	90	s
Kinloss	2.0	0.01	25	77	sh
Leeds	3.1	0.01	22	72	c
Lerwick	-	-	13	55	c
Leuchars	2.3	0.01	18	64	r
Littlehmptn	13.2	-	25	77	s
London	13.1	-	31	88	s
Lowestoft	9.5	-	21	70	s
Manchester	3.4	0.01	24	75	b
Margate	13.0	-	31	88	s
Morecambe	4.1	0.01	22	72	c
Newquay	10.0	-	23	73	s
Norwich	12.9	-	24	75	s
Oxford	8.0	-	28	82	c
Poole	14.6	-	29	84	s
Prestatyn	X	0.01	23	73	c
Ross on Wye	10.7	-	27	81	s
Salcombe	12.8	-	24	75	s
Saunton Snd	10.1	-	24	75	s
Scarboro'	3.1	-	17	63	c
Shanklin	9.8	-	19	66	s
Southend	13.8	-	25	77	s
Southport	X	0.01	22	72	d
Southsea	12.6	-	25	77	s
Stornoway	8.4	-	20	68	s
Swanage	12.2	-	26	79	s
Teignmouth	8.7	-	24	75	s
Tenby	4.5	-	21	70	c
Tiree	3.2	-	19	66	b
Torquay	10.9	-	23	73	s
Weston s Mare	10.8	-	26	79	s
Weymouth	13.2	-	21	70	s

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	29	82	s
Alicante	34	93	s
Amsterdm	31	88	s
Algiers	30	86	s
Athens	21	70	s
Athens	34	93	s
Bahrain	42	108	s
Bangkok	29	84	f
Barbados	X		
Barcelona	29	84	s
Beijing	31	88	f
Beirut	33	91	s
Belfast	20	68	c
Belgrade	32	90	s
Berlin	22	72	s
Bermuda	28	82	f
Biarritz	34	93	c
Borde'x	35	95	s
Brussels	23	73	c
Budapest	32	90	s
B Aires	18	64	s
Cairo	39	102	s
Cape Tn	16	61	s
Chicago	26	82	s
Ch'church	9	48	X
Cologne	24	75	s
C'phagn	18	64	s
Corfu	34	93	s
Dublin	22	72	s
Dubrovnik	30	86	s
Faro	31	88	s
Florence	35	95	s
Frankfurt	27	81	s
Funchal	22	72	c
Geneva	30	86	s
Gibraltar	25	77	s
Helsinki	17	63	f
Hong K	32	90	c
Innsbruck	29	84	s
Istanbul	29	84	f
Jeddah	41	106	s
Jo'burg	16	61	c
L Palmas	25	77	s
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Locarno	29	84	s
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Malaga	28	82	s
Malta	30	86	f
Melb'rne	11	52	f
Mexico C	28	82	c
Milan	33	91	s
Milan	32	70	s
Montreal	30	86	s
Moscow	16	61	c
Munich	31	88	s
Nairobi	18	64	f
Naples	32	90	s
N Delhi	34	93	f
N York	28	82	s
Nice	29	84	s
Oslo	19	66	f
Paris	33	91	s
Perth	23	73	s
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Reykjavik	12	54	f
Rhodes	30	86	s
Rio de J	21	70	f
Riyadh	44	111	s
Rome	29	84	s
Salzburg	30	86	s
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Santiago	14	57	s
Seoul	29	84	c
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Strasb'rg	30	86	s
Sydney	15	59	s
Tangier	27	81	f
Tel Aviv	35	95	s
Tenerife	27	81	s
Tokyo	23	73	c
Toronto	30	86	f
Tunis	30	86	s
Valencia	33	91	s
Vanc'ver	21	70	s
Venice	32	90	s
Vienna	32	90	s
Warsaw	20	68	f
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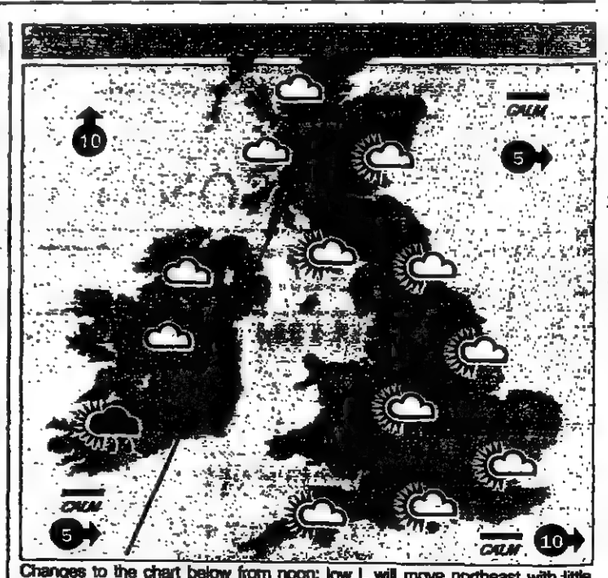
Zurich	30	86	s

Temperatures at midday local time on Sunday. X = not available



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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Aberdeen	3:05	4.5	15:42	4.3
Avonmouth	8:20	13.6	21.41	13.8
Belfast	0:39	3.7	13:10	3.4
Cardiff	9:06	12.6	21:27	12.7
Devonport	7:47	5.5	20:03	5.8
Dover	0:47	6.6	13:11	6.9
Dublin	1:11	4.4	13:46	4.0
Falmouth	7:18	5.3	19:34	5.6
Greenock	2:31	3.7	14:57	3.5
Harwich	1:48	4.1	14:02	4.1
Holyhead	0:00	5.9	12:27	5.6
Hull (Albert D)	8:10	8.1	20:42	8.9
Ilfracombe	8:03	9.4	20:24	9.5
King's Lynn	8:18	7.3	20:54	6.7
Leith	4:28	5.5	16:57	5.7

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	1:00	9.9	13:29	9.5
London Bridge	9:51	7.5	16:03	7.4
Lowestoft	11:20	2.7	-	-
Margate	2:00	4.9	14:03	4.9
Milford Haven	6:16	7.1	20:38	7.2
Newquay	7:08	7.1	19:31	7.2
Oban	7:39	3.9	20:05	4.1
Penzance	6:59	5.5	19:01	5.7
Portland	9:22	2.0	21:30	2.1
Portsmouth	1:00	4.8	13:33	4.8
Shoreham	0:57	6.5	13:28	6.6
Southampton	0:27	4.7	12:54	4.7
Swansea	8:21	9.8	20:42	10.0
Tees	5:33	5.7	18:09	5.5
Walton-On-Naze	1:39	4.4	13:52	4.3

All times GMT. Heights in metres.

*Yesterday: Highest day temp: Gravesend, Kent, 32C (90F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: no significant rainfall; highest sunshine: Poole, Dorset, 14.8hr.

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft — TUESDAY AUGUST 11 1998

Siemens losing £1m a month on PFI project

By Jason Nissé

SIEMENS, the German group that last month was forced to close its North Tyneside semiconductor plant at a cost of 1,100 jobs, is losing up to £1 million a month because of problems with a high-profile Private Finance Initiative project for the Home Office.

A £100 million project to computerise the Immigration and Nationality Directorate in Croydon is running up to two years late, hampering plans by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to reduce the waiting list of asylum-seekers waiting to gain permanent residency in the UK. Siemens, which was awarded the contract by Michael Howard, Mr Straw's predecessor, had promised to bring the system online last October. As the deadline approached, Siemens told the Home Office that it had problems and said the system would go live early last month.

Now it has missed that revised deadline. Siemens has agreed to bring in an intermediate version of the programme next month with the hope of going fully live next year. The Home Office has cut the amount it is due to pay Siemens dramatically — which under the contract should be £14 million a year — until it has a fully operating service.

Siemens has also parted company with its main sub-contractor on the project, Perot Systems, the firm founded by billionaire Ross Perot after he left EDS, his previous company. Siemens is currently vying with EDS for the £1 billion deal to take over the back office functions of National Savings, a contract due to be awarded in October.

Yesterday both the Home Office and Siemens admitted the system had problems, but denied that it was affecting the normal running of the Immigration Service. A Home Office spokesman said: "The problems with the backlog of asylum-seekers has been well publicised and these system problems have nothing to do with that."

Neither side would detail by how much the payments to Siemens had been reduced, though both agreed there had been cuts. Siemens said that it had been able to deliver some of the operational consultancy that was part of the contract.

The problems with the Immigration Service contract show why many information technology groups are wary of PFI contracts. Andersen Consulting recently admitted to losses of £23 million on its delivery of the NIRS II database systems for the Contributions Agency, which was delivered more than a year late.

Mandelson in BA clash with Brussels

By Carl Mortished, International Business Editor

PETER MANDELSON, the Secretary of State for Trade & Industry, is being drawn into a new row between London and Brussels over competition in the airline market.

Karel van Miert, Europe's Competition Commissioner, yesterday said that proposals by the Office of Fair Trading to allow British Airways to sell its landing slots were "unacceptable".

Mr Van Miert contradicted advice given on Friday by John Bridgeman, Britain's Director-General of Fair Trading, to Mr Mandelson, concerning the surrender of some 270 landings slots that would be required to allow the alliance between BA and American Airlines to proceed. Mr Van Miert believes the slots should be given away, a move that could deprive BA of hundreds of millions of pounds.

Mr Bridgeman advised the Secretary of State last week that the slots had a monetary value and that BA should be allowed to recoup that value just like any other company when forced by competition authorities to give up an asset. However, Mr Van Miert insisted yesterday that a sale would be contrary to Council Regulation 95/93. He said: "Such a sale is also unacceptable under the EC competition rules because it would raise barriers to entry...it would unduly favour those airlines which have been long established at the most important EU airports."

The dispute emerged as BA published first-quarter figures which showed a rise in operating profits but a fall in the revenue earned per passenger mile. Fears of increased competition and falling yields caused BA shares to plunge in value almost 6 per cent to 557p.

Robert Ayling, BA's chief executive, said the airline had long advocated that the best way to allocate scarce resources was through the market. He said: "If you can buy and sell European milk quotas, why not have a free market in landing slots?"

The dispute will force Mr Mandelson to choose between the advice of his own competition authority and that of Brussels. A spokesman for the DTI confirmed that the Secretary of State has the final say in the matter: "The Commission would have to appeal to the European Court."

Mr Bridgeman's letter to Mr Mandelson said: "A decision by you under article 85(3) could override the regulation, for the purposes of promoting competition, by expressly allowing sale."

BA's headline pre-tax profits fell 34 per cent in the first quarter to £145 million, but the comparison was skewed by an exceptional profit last year from the sale of a stake in USAir.

Mr Ayling said the 24 per cent rise in operating profits was a good result and attributable to cost-cutting measures. "Without the benefit of the business efficiency programme we would have had poor results," he said.

The airline also benefited from a sharp fall in fuel costs, but it suffered a 4.5 per cent fall in revenue per traffic kilometre, a vital measure of how much money BA makes for every mile it travels. BA's load factors were also hit by increased capacity as airlines shifted planes from Asia to Europe and the US. The strong pound is helping rivals like Lufthansa to compete for transfer traffic at Heathrow.

Mr Ayling explained that the yield per passenger had been hit by business travellers shifting to economy class. "The slowdown in the British economy is causing British companies to look at their costs."

Earnings per share fell from 16.3p to 12.6p in the quarter ended June 30.

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Claremont in takeover talks

By Sarah Cunningham

CLAREMONT Garments, one of Marks & Spencer's main clothing suppliers, has revealed that it is in takeover talks. It is also considering offers to buy its lingerie division and possibly its formalwear division, with Dewhirst, another Marks & Spencer supplier, believed to be interested.

Other candidates to buy either the whole of the debt-laden company, or single divisions, are thought to be William Baird and another privately owned Marks & Spencer supplier.

"Courtaulds Textiles would be another possibility, but they appear not to be in acquisition mode," one analyst said. "Whoever it is who buys it will have to accelerate the move abroad."

Claremont has been slower than some other textiles companies to shift production to countries with cheaper labour, such as Morocco and Turkey.

Analysts said that Marks & Spencer might baulk at too much of its production going to any particular supplier, and so could be influential in how Claremont is divided up or sold. Claremont said that if it is taken over, it is likely to be at only a small premium to the market price. Its shares closed up 2½p yesterday at 32½p.

The company, which now supplies only M&S, has had a tough year. In June it said it had to refund £2.5 million to the Inland Revenue after discovering it had paid the wrong import duty on school shirts for three years. Its pre-tax loss last year was £12 million, against £4.15 million a year earlier.

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PETER TREVNOR

Philip Cushing, left, and Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge, Inchcape chairman, yesterday

Inchcape sells bottler

By Adam Jones

INCHCAPE, the once sprawling conglomerate that now wants to focus on car sales and distribution, is selling its Coca-Cola bottling plant in the Russian Federation to Coke for US$187 million (£115 million).

The sale should be followed soon by disposal of Inchcape's Coca-Cola bottling business in South America and a "substantial return of cash" to shareholders in 1999. Russian Bottling, which has net assets of £96 million, made a first-half operating loss of £7.1 million.

Inchcape was looking to demerge its South American bottling businesses, which made a half-year profit of £12.8 million. Philip Cushing, chief executive, said a trade sale is now a more attractive option.

Inchcape's first-half profits before tax and exceptionals fell to £60 million from £78.8 million. The strong pound wiped £7.9 million from profits and the planned reduction of Inchcape's stake in Toyota's UK operation £8.1 million. Sales fell to £2.84 billion (£3.28 billion). Earnings per share excluding exceptionals were 6.1p (8.1p). An interim dividend of 4.6p (4.4p) is due on August 21.

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Markets stagger in wake of Asian worries

By Janet Bush
Economics Editor

THE LONDON stock market sagged yesterday as Wall Street continued to be beset by concerns about Asian economies, the weakness of the yen and worries about the threat of a Chinese devaluation.

Domestic economic worries also hit the FTSE 100 index which closed 97.5 points lower at 5,582.9.

A new survey of UK fund managers by Merrill Lynch showed that expectations of corporate profits have collapsed as worries about a UK slowdown are compounded by the troubled global outlook.

The survey showed that nine out of ten managers regard the profits outlook as unfavourable with earnings per share expected to grow by only 5 per cent this year and next. Of those polled, 25 per cent of managers said that they expected global deflationary pressures to hit UK profits.

The latest retail sales monitor compiled by the British Retail Consortium and published today confirms that activity on Britain's high streets is now slowing significantly. July showed year-on-year growth in the value of sales of 1.5 per cent.

However, the average of the past three months showed that sales are at their weakest since early 1995. Bridget Rosewell, BRC chief economic adviser, said that the Monetary Policy Committee was justified in last week's decision not to raise interest rates.

Inflation trends remain benign. The Office for National Statistics yesterday reported that producers' output prices were only 0.8 per cent up on a year ago in July.

☐ *Barclays Bank, together with Janet Bush, our Economics Editor, is this morning holding a "cybersurgery" on the euro. Barclays' website is www.euro.barclays.co.uk.*

Stars' venture fails to shine

From Andrew Butcher
in New York

WHILE Hollywood movies have enjoyed a record summer at the box office, theme restaurant Planet Hollywood has been having a hard time. Yesterday the company co-found by British businessman Robert Earl revealed an unexpected second quarter loss.

The dismal second quarter for the chain of 97 restaurants ended with a $1.4 million (£850,000) loss and the company announced it was unlikely to turn a profit for the rest of 1998. The result compared with a $16.3 million net profit for the same period last year.

The result emerged two weeks after Mr Earl, 50, was replaced as president of the struggling group by William Baumhauer. Three weeks ago the company hired Goldman Sachs and Bear Stearns to find potential strategic financial partners, a move seen as effectively putting the company up for sale. The chain has outlets in London, Sydney and several American cities.

An effort to attract stars such as George Clooney to join present celebrities like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Bruce Willis in endorsing Planet Hollywood was not enough to bring in customers. Turnover at the Planet Hollywood restaurants and sibling All-Star Cafes fell 17 per cent in the quarter.

Shares in Planet Hollywood hovered just above $5 yesterday, a dramatic slide from their peak of $28.25 in September, 1996, not long after opening.

Goldman team step closer to windfall

GOLDMAN SACHS, the privately owned US investment bank, moved closer to a $25 billion (£15.6 billion) flotation when its partners met to approve plans for a public offering in the autumn (Richard Miles writes).

After a meeting lasting more than six hours, Goldman confirmed that it would press ahead with its intention to float 10-15 per cent of the bank and so end a 129-year-old partnership, one of the most successful on Wall Street. The 190 partners stand to reap windfalls of about $80 million as their capital investment in the firm is converted into stock at several times its current value. Second-tier managing directors are each expected to receive shares worth up to $15 million.

A committee established after June's decision to go public will draw up plans to provide far less generous payouts for the firm's 10,000 employees. Limited partners and institutional investors will also receive shares when the bank floats in October. Details of the distribution will not be made public until Goldman files with the Securities & Exchange Commission at the end of August. Goldman will then prepare an offer document and embark on roadshows to sell its stock worldwide.

However, yesterday's meeting — which was held as a televideo conference, linking New York with London and Tokyo — has been overshadowed by recent falls on the US stock market, which could lead to lower payouts for the managing directors and others.

Goldman's co-chief executives, Jon Corzine and Henry Paulson, argue that the firm needs to join the stock market to boost its $6.3 billion capital base, although many executives believe a flotation will destroy the bank's distinctive culture, which has enabled it to attract some of the most talented people in the industry.

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FTSE 100	5587.6	(-92.8)
Yield	2.96%	
FTSE All Share	2625.13	(-35.55)
Nikkei	15626.42	(-202.75)
New York		
Dow Jones	8598.79	(+0.77)*
S&P Composite	1088.87	(-0.58)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¾%*	(5¾%)
Long bond	107⅝*	(107⅛)
Yield	5.62%*	(5.63%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	7⅞%	(7⅞%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	110.16	(109.84)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

New York		
$	1.6330*	(1.6290)
London		
$	n/a	(1.6324)
DM	...	(2.8938)
FFr	...	(9.6997)
SFr	...	(2.4347)
Yen	...	(238.01)
£ Index	104.2	(103.9)

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London		
DM	1.7808*	(1.7800)
FFr	5.9720*	(5.9625)
SFr	1.4968*	(1.4957)
Yen	146.52*	(146.16)
$ Index	114.6	(114.5)

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Mayflower and Volvo in hot pursuit of Dennis

By Adam Jones

MAYFLOWER, the automotive group, found itself up against another European carmaker, Volvo, yesterday when it launched a hostile bid for Dennis, the bus chassis and fire truck maker.

Last year, Mayflower had to give up its ambition of owning Rolls-Royce Motor Cars after opposition from BMW, which also wanted the luxury carmaker.

Yesterday, John Simpson, the chief executive of Mayflower, launched a 450p a share bid for Dennis, a supplier to Mayflower's Walter Alexander bus arm — then suddenly found himself in competition with Volvo.

The Swedish company is taking a 10 per cent stake in Henlys and backing the plan to merge with Dennis.

Mayflower is trying to gatecrash an agreed merger between Dennis and Henlys, which is structured as an offer of 64 Henlys shares for every 100 Dennis shares.

Both deals would create an integrated busmaker — rare in the UK, where chassis and bodies are supplied separately, but common overseas.

When Mr Simpson indicated that it was considering a bid last Friday, Henlys shares fell from 590p to 529p, hitting the value of the merger plan.

However, the shares bounced back yesterday, closing at 577½p, after Volvo revealed its plans to take a stake in Henlys.

Volvo said the holding would "reinforce the industrial and commercial co-operation that already exists between the two companies".

They work together in Britain and South-East Asia and both have shareholdings in Prevost, a Canadian company.

Mayflower's 450p cash offer values Dennis at £255 million. The Henlys offer would value Dennis at only 370p a share, or about £210 million.

Mayflower said it would be able to cut lead times on deliveries if the purchase goes through and a deal would make both companies more competitive internationally.

Henlys said it was reviewing its position but added that it still believes its plan to merge with Dennis to be superior. The board said it welcomed "the confidence expressed by Volvo" and said Henlys and Volvo would co-operate in selling Henlys-Dennis products internationally if the merger went through.

Mr Simpson said he believed Henlys would have to make a new cash bid to be successful. Dennis shares rose from 456p to 469p. Mayflower shares fell from 195p to 184½p.

Flextech to fight ITC decision

Flextech, the television programming group, yesterday said it was seeking judicial review of the Independent Television Commission's decision on "unbundling" cable and satellite channels.

The ITC has outlawed minimum carriage requirements and programme-tiering obligations, which mean that viewers have had to pay for many cable and satellite channels to get the ones they want.

Flextech said that it wanted review of whether the ITC was within its rights in trying to regulate terms of supply of services and whether it had acted illegally by interfering with existing contracts.

Chiroscience deal

Chiroscience, the drug developer, underpinned its stock market valuation with a deal valuing its ChiroTech subsidiary at £100 million. Ascot, owner of Mitchell Cotts Chemicals, is paying Chiroscience £30 million for 30 per cent of ChiroTech, a supplier of a key ingredient for Ziagen, Glaxo Wellcome's anti-HIV drug.

Stoves complains

Stoves, the cooker maker, has blamed the strong pound's effect on European exports for results that were below earlier hopes. Pre-tax profits for the year to May 31 rose 5 per cent, to £5.4 million, on turnover up 13 per cent, to £90.5 million. A 4.2p final dividend, due on October 14, makes 6.4p (5.8p).

Cox will buy

Cox Insurance, the Lloyd's of London underwriter, will use its right to compulsorily buy underwriting capacity from a minority of names linked with syndicate 1485 who did not accept its offer. Cox won 91.7 per cent acceptances. On syndicate 1176, which insures nuclear installations, acceptances were 75 per cent; the offer is to stay open until 25 August. On 218, a motor specialist, acceptances were 49 per cent; Cox has closed the offer.

Scott quits as Saatchi chairman

By Jason Nissé

CHARLES SCOTT, who was responsible for ousting Lord Saatchi from Saatchi & Saatchi, is to leave the advertising group to concentrate on his role as chairman of Cordiant Communications Corporation, which demerged from Saatchi last year.

Bob Seelert, Saatchi's chief executive, is replacing Mr Scott as chairman while Kevin Roberts, who runs the Saatchi agency network, is to become chief executive. Wendy Smyth, the part-time finance director, is moving to become part-time director of corporate affairs.

Saatchi's first clean set of results after the demerger showed a 44 per cent increase in profits before tax and exceptionals to £12.4 million in the six months to June 30.

Earnings per share were 3.6p and there is a 0.5p dividend, deferred until the abolition of ACT next year.

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CHRIS HARRIS

Leader of the pack: Bob Seelert, the new chairman, centre, and fellow Saatchi workers after the firm's interim results yesterday

Bid hopes boost National Power

SHARES in National Power rose 16p to 539p yesterday, with almost six million shares traded, on bid hopes after it emerged that John Devaney, executive chairman of Eastern Group, is trying to put together a £7 billion offer for the company. Mr Devaney is attempting to form a consortium to buy National Power, the country's largest generator, whose shares have fallen because of regulatory uncertainty in the sector. However, it is thought Mr Devaney has yet to recruit a major company to give the consortium the power it needs to mount such a substantial bid.

National Power has yet to learn how many power stations it will be required to sell by Professor Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, as he tries to stimulate more competition in generation. It is possible the company could refuse to co-operate — a move that would spark a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Commentary, page 23

Sun Life double blow

SUN LIFE OF CANADA, the mutual insurer which went into the red last week after writing off £324 million of profits from its UK subsidiary, has suffered more bad news after two leading rating agencies in the US announced they had turned bearish on the company. Investors Services warned investors it had put its Aa1 financial strength rating for SLOC and its US subsidiary on review for a possible downgrade. Standard & Poor's, meanwhile, changed its outlook for the company from stable to negative.

Pan Andean woe

PAN ANDEAN RESOURCES, the AIM-listed company, suffered worsening losses in the year to March 31. Pre-tax losses stretched to £388,677 from £110,571 in the previous year. Losses per share stretched from 0.26p to 0.82p. The company said that the large Chapare concession in Bolivia remains its main focus. It is negotiating with potential partners. The company also said there have been significant discoveries adjacent to Chapare. The shares fell 1p to 10p.

Gander offer agreed

GANDER HOLDINGS, the property group, yesterday revealed a recommended offer of £24.4 million for Barrasford, the AIM-listed rival. Shareholders in Barrasford will be offered four new Gander shares for every five they hold. Yesterday Barrasford shares remained at 8p and Gander shares were unchanged at 10¼p. Gander said the deal would provide the enlarged group with critical mass in its core residential lettings market in Kensington and Chelsea.

Dip at Parc Asterix

PARC ASTERIX, the amusement park inspired by *Asterix the Gaul*, the popular French cartoon strip, yesterday blamed the World Cup for a drop in attendance that dented half-year sales. Turnover dipped to Fr163 million (£16 million) in the first half of 1998 from Fr166 million in the first half of 1997. A 4 per cent rise in spending per visitor did not fully compensate for a fall in attendance at the site, which is 40km north of Paris, as people stayed at home in June to watch the football.

Silvermines rises 18%

SILVERMINES, the electrical equipment group, raised pre-tax profits by 18 per cent to £3 million in the six months to June 30, on sales up 53 per cent to £57.7 million. Earnings per share rose 10 per cent to 2.46p after exceptionals and the dividend rises from 0.45p to 0.5p. The company said that its order book was up 26 per cent and included improved Asian orders. Bob Morton, chairman, said: "We expect a solid performance in the second half." The shares rose ½p to 40½p.

Workspace on the up

WORKSPACE, the property group, raised pre-tax profits by 15 per cent to £1.56 million on sales up 14.3 per cent to £5.45 million in the three months to June 30. Earnings rose 7.4 per cent to 7.2p and the net asset value per share rises from 523p to 531p. Alan Porter, chairman, said: "During the past weeks demand for space has continued at a high level. So far there is little evidence of recession and we are optimistic that the current financial year will bring good results."

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.82	2.64
Austria Sch	21.43	19.77
Belgium Fr	63.07	58.11
Canada $	2.599	2.411
Cyprus Cyp £	0.8975	0.8260
Denmark Kr	11.68	10.77
Finland Mkk	9.36	8.63
France Fr	10.21	9.43
Germany Dm	3.067	2.825
Greece Dr	508	468
Hong Kong $	13.47	12.27
Iceland	129	109
Ireland Pt	1.2090	1.1200
Israel Sh	6.38	5.73
Italy Lira	3041	2804
Japan Yen	253.59	236.06
Malta	0.672	0.613
Netherlds Gld	3.466	3.171
New Zealand $	3.35	3.11
Norway Kr	13.01	12.07
Portugal Esc	308.47	287.44
S Africa Rd	10.89	9.93
Spain Pta	257.97	239.18
Sweden Kr	13.99	12.89
Switzerland Fr	2.581	2.373
Turkey Lira	488518	428840
USA $	1.739	1.596

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Orange on course to move into the black

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

ORANGE, the mobile phone network company, is poised to move into profit next year after cutting its losses and recording its first operating profit in the first half of this year.

The UK's third biggest mobile operator after Vodafone and Cellnet cut pre-tax losses by a third to £49.1 million and increased sales by 25 per cent to £534.4 million.

Its operating profit was £2.2 million compared with an operating loss of £39.9 million for the same period last year. Losses per share fell from 6p to 4p.

Orange said its customers now topped the 1.5 million mark. Some of the increase has been driven by pre-payment mobile phones although Orange has a smaller share of this market than its rivals.

The company is to pump extra resources into trying to curb the "churn rate" — the frequency with which subscribers leave for new contracts with other companies.

Orange's churn rate rose to 18.9 per cent for the 12 months to the end of June compared with 15.2 per cent for the year ending last December.

Switch by borrowers lifts Skipton

SKIPTON Building Society has doubled its share of net new mortgage lending to 3 per cent over the past six months as borrowers switch to better rates offered by mutuals (Richard Miles writes).

The society, which yesterday reported a 5.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £19.1 million, said gross lending had risen nearly 50 per cent in the first half, pushing assets above £4 billion.

It said the figures showed that mutuals could deliver better value than institutions paying dividends.

Groves Europe to close crane builder

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

THE North East is to suffer hundreds more job losses after a crane manufacturer yesterday announced its closure.

The announcement comes only days after the area was hit by the loss of 1,000 jobs from Siemens.

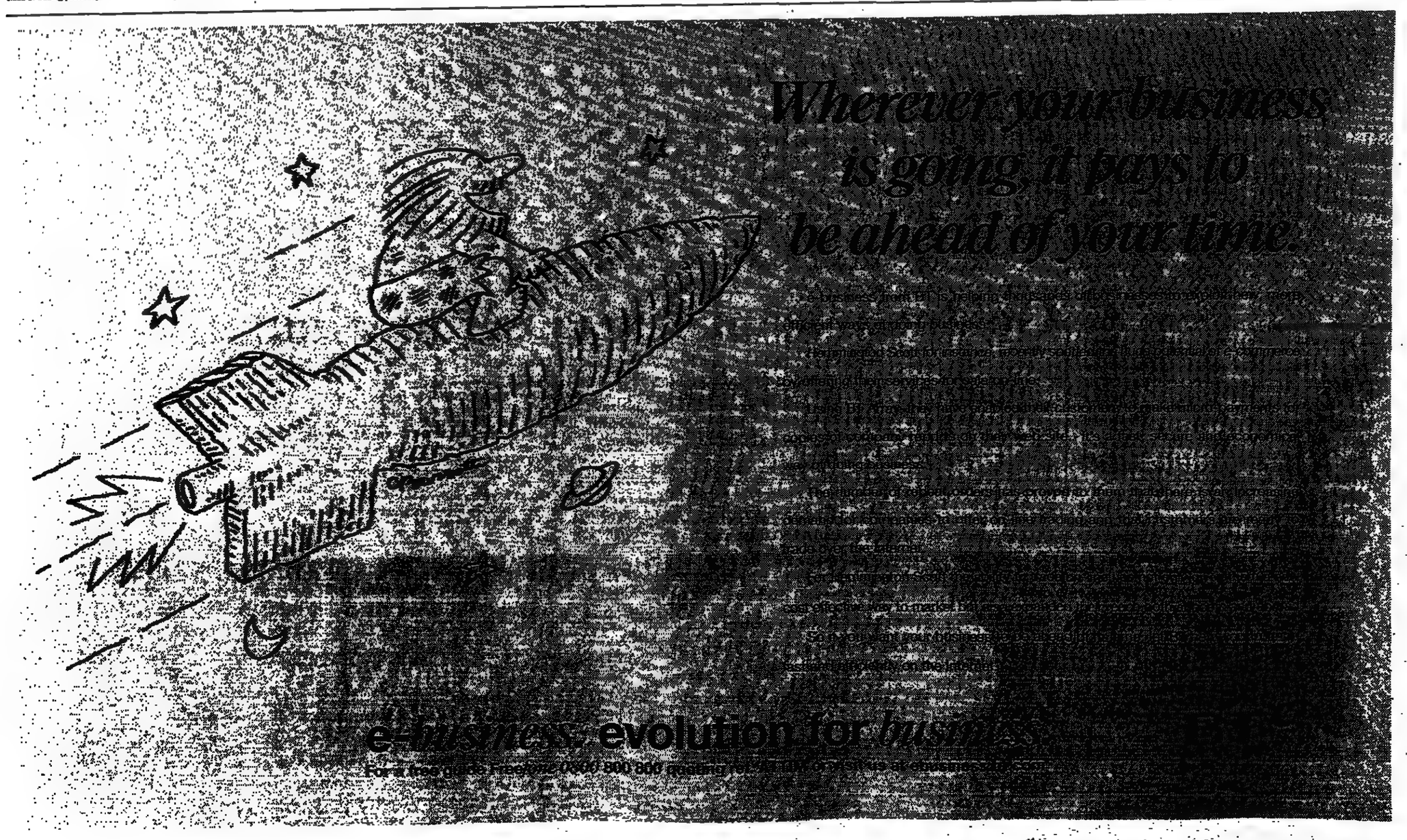
Groves Europe, which owns a crane-building business based in Sunderland, will axe 670 jobs when it shuts its business. The operation has suffered losses over the past six years.

The company will start laying off workers in November and it will cease all manufacturing operations by the end of the year.

Other business, such as marketing and customer support, will continue to be run from Sunderland.

Union leaders were hoping for last-minute salvage talks with the management. However, it is thought unlikely that the company, which has reviewed its worldwide operations, will be persuaded to change its plans.

Groves Europe took over the crane builder, which was formerly Coles Cranes, from the receiver in 1984.



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The power and the glory

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

How much is a top job worth? John Devaney seems to be prepared to spend a cool £7 billion on assuring the next step in his career.

He has already leveraged up his position, and potential rewards, by selling Eastern Electricity three times: first to Hanson, then to the share-buying public and, most recently, to the chaps from Texas. Now he may be contemplating the really big move, an audacious bid for National Power.

The bid will be a private affair, nothing to do with Eastern, the generator and electricity distribution business. If the correct backers can be found — and that is a big if — the deal would propel the no-nonsense Lancastrian into the driving seat at the UK's biggest generator.

Mr Devaney has not publicly announced his intentions, but then neither has he denied the stories and, when it comes to ambitious plans, he does have form. The grand swipe at National Power, thought by many to be so big as to be bid proof, comes shortly after another display of would-be freelance activity. When PowerGen made it clear it would sell power stations in order to secure a blessing for its bid for East Midlands Electricity what should drop on their doormat but a letter from Mr Devaney.

The letter of interest was curious. The move on National Power is even more curious. Mr Devaney clearly has itchy feet and doesn't mind who knows it. Mr Devaney did not get a place on the board of Texas Utilities when the US giant took over Eastern, although many had thought his seat was assured. He might now be indicating that Texas should proffer the main board seat or he will head for the door. Since Texas had indicated that it rated Eastern for its management, such an early exit could be embarrassing.

Eric Anstee, the finance director, has already quit, destination unclear. He and his former boss worked well together, so conspiracy theorists have him already drumming up the funds for the National Power bid.

But industry sources believe the would-be bid lacks a big gun to get it off the ground. It remains to be seen how successful Mr Devaney will be in convincing a large company to join a consortium and bid for National Power at a time when regulatory uncertainty is surrounding the company like steam from one of its cooling towers. The electricity regulator is preparing to force a large scale sell-off of coal-fired power stations. National Power could be preparing to resist.

It is to be hoped for Mr Devaney's sake that he is successful for patience must be wearing thin in the boardroom at Texas. There is only so much maverick behaviour likely to be tolerated before his masters decide that the head of their operations in the UK is not disporting himself as they would wish.

Directors in Dallas may now be wrestling with the options. Should they silence Mr Devaney's wishful thinking aloud with a place on their board? Or should they grant him the freedom to become a freelance power broker.

Bumpy flight around Brussels

Karel Van Miert cannot believe that landing slots at Heathrow have no value. They are tantamount to permissions to do potentially highly lucrative business, hence airline operators squabble over them with such vigour.

Why, then, would the European Competition Commissioner think it right that British Airways should be instructed to simply surrender these assets without any compensation? John Bridgeman, the director general of the Office of Fair Trading, has accepted the indisputable logic of BA's case. It will now fall to Peter Mandelson to endeavour to persuade Van Miert of the inequity inherent in his stance. It is a tough task to land in the lap of such a new recruit to the Department of Trade and Industry. Seasoned company lawyers have wrestled for years to try and understand the thought processes that lead Van Miert eventually o his conclusions. Logic and equity are not always overwhelmingly apparent.

The most logical position would be to allow a free market in slots, with airlines free to compete for a prime time bay at Heathrow or to pay significantly less for a late night berth. If airlines could trade their assets, they might not need the state aid which Brussels still seems determined to no through.

British Airways has accepted that it must sacrifice some landing slots as the price of securing the go-ahead for its alliance with American Airways but it would be wrong for Bob Ayling to consent to being mugged as part of the deal. He is not in a position to be giving things away, even if the slick sale promotion of last weekend was intended to look like the height of generosity.

Yesterday's figures from the airline showed just how tough conditions are in the air industry, and indicated that there is far worse to come.

Ayling saw the turbulence ahead and has made huge strides in preparing BA for the worst. Increased competition is inexorably driving fares downwards: he has been fighting to cut overheads at an even faster rate.

His efforts upset the well-rewarded cabin crew, hundreds of whom found themselves rendered sick by his new salary scales - at least, that is what their notes from obliging doctors said last year, as they were unable to make it to work to join the strikes which so disrupted business. But Ayling's purpose has been achieved, and new, cheaper crew are now practising their welcoming smiles. Even more drastically, BA has exported jobs, moving some administrative functions from Britain to Bombay. Don't tell Gordon Brown, but apparently having your computer programmer on the other side of the world is just as efficient and one sixth of the price.

Sterling cuts into tailors' cloth

Claremont Textiles became a penny share the hard way. Shares in the revamped Ellis & Goldstein once stood at nearly 400p but collapsed to 15p after its stock was briefly suspended from the Stock Exchange in June. Shareholders may be as relieved as Marks & Spencer, which is now the lingerie and women's wear group's sole customer, if a mooted bargain bid turns up.

Some of Claremont's problems are self-generated, as Peter Wiegand, the chairman, accepted when he stood down as chief executive. Having run into both quality and quantity problems when it restructured, directors failed to notice for a time that shirts arriving from The Netherlands were actually made outside the EU and liable for duty.

Ultimately, however, Mr Wiegand's accident-prone group falls into a heavy jacquard pattern that suggests Britain will lose most of its remaining factory garment business if sterling remains high, trade thin and orders therefore patchy. Even the better companies are having to cut back, transfer more production abroad or, like SR Gent, fall into foreign ownership and accelerate the process.

As Tesco has shown, the trail of competence in making up textiles has travelled from medium-wage territories such as Hong Kong to Bangladesh and, if possible, even poorer countries.

Gordon Brown could help but would sooner scold. M&S and other big buyers should at least allow the UK industry to consolidate around the best firms that can make most British production pay.

Lips sealed

HOW very clever of Sainsbury to offer to supply beleaguered village shops with its own-brand products just as the OFT investigates supermarkets. But Lord Sainsbury of Turville must keep his opinions on the move to himself. It is hard to see quite what the new DTI minister will be able to do without a conflict of interest arising. Everything from the oil price to the minimum wage affects the organisation where Lord S has a huge shareholding. Antiques might just be allowable.

Nycomed Amersham buys in US

By Paul Durman

NYCOMED AMERSHAM, the medical imaging group, yesterday made its third large corporate move in little over a year when it agreed to pay $256 million (£157 million) to buy Molecular Dynamics of the US.

The group, formed by last year's merger of the UK's Amersham International and Nycomed of Norway, has worked with Molecular Dynamics since 1994 in developing a new high-speed system for analysing DNA. Bill Castell, Nycomed Amersham's chief executive, said the MegaBACE system is three or four times faster at sequencing DNA than existing machines.

Nycomed Amersham hopes that the acquisition of Molecular Dynamics will enable the group to capture a larger share of the market for DNA sequencing instruments. This has previously been an area of weakness for Amersham Pharmacia Biotech — the "biotech supplies" joint venture that Amersham established last year with Pharmacia & Upjohn, the drugs group.

Amersham Pharmacia Biotech is offering $20.50 a share for Molecular Dynamics, whose shares were previously trading at about $15. Amersham Pharmacia already owns a 10 per cent stake which Mr Castell said was acquired at an average price of $6.75. The cash cost of the deal to Amersham Pharmacia is expected to be about $199 million.

Molecular Dynamics is based in Sunnyvale, California. Last year it made pre-tax profits of $5.5 million on sales of $55.7 million. Jay Flatley, president and chief executive officer of Molecular Dynamics, will continue to run the company, reporting to Ron Long, chief executive of Amersham Pharmacia Biotech.

Since its launch last year, Nycomed Amersham said the MegaBACE system has been taken up by the leading American, European and Japanese gene-analysis centres.

Nycomed Amersham is this morning expected to announce first-half profits of about £110 million (£99 million), although comparisons are confused by the Pharmacia & Upjohn and Nycomed mergers.

Stagecoach deal pips arch-rival

By Matthew Barbour

STAGECOACH, Britain's biggest transport company, beat off arch-rival FirstGroup by bidding NZ$111.5 million (£34 million) for Auckland's The Yellow Bus Company.

Stagecoach had previously been ruled out of the bidding for Yellow Bus because it already runs services in Auckland. This decision was reversed in April after an appeal to New Zealand competition authorities.

Vivendi, the French transport conglomerate, and Ritchies Transport, a large New Zealand operator, both submitted bids for Yellow Bus, which last year made pre-tax profits of NZ$10 million on sales of NZ$64 million.

FirstGroup and Stagecoach, who between them control 37 per cent of the British bus market, have spent the past two years fighting for control of overseas bus contracts.

Stagecoach shares fell 37p to £12.22 yesterday.

Alpha pulls out of retail sale

By Sarah Cunningham

ALPHA AIRPORTS has called off the sale of its retail division, which it put up for sale in February, after failing to secure a sufficiently high bid.

Kevin Abbott, chief executive of Alpha, which is nearly 28 per cent owned by Harrods, said the final prospective buyer, which had emerged from an initial field of six, dropped the offer price during due diligence.

Mr Abbott said the Asian economic crisis had hit the business of potential buyers, while uncertainty over the future of duty free in Europe, which is due to abolished next year, had hindered the sale.

The disposal was expected to raise up to £60 million, which Alpha would have used to reduce debts.

Instead, it has secured a £100 million long-term banking facility that will be used to fund investment in all its three divisions.

Huntingdon rescue package proposed

By Paul Durman

A GROUP of American investors aims to rescue Huntingdon Life Sciences, the drug-testing company whose business has been destroyed by allegations of cruelty to animals.

Leading drug companies have withheld work since last year's television documentary that prompted a government investigation, causing first-half sales to collapse by 23 per cent to £26.5 million and producing a pre-tax loss of £8.4 million (£348,000 loss).

The investor group plans to take a 43.5 per cent stake by buying 120 million shares at 12.5p each. This will provide £15 million, and institutional investors have conditionally agreed to put up another £7.1 million through a placing also at 12.5p.

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STOCK MARKET FRASER NELSON

Investors take flight as FTSE hits six-month low

LONDON shares suffered one of their most serious downturns in recent months yesterday, as nervous selling forced the FTSE 100 index down almost 100 points to a new six-month low.

The tentative recovery witnessed on Friday was demolished by a 200-point drop in the Nikkei and a weak opening on Wall Street.

After last week's volatility, London dealers were again feeling insecure. One fund manager said: "Those of us who piled back in on Friday have been stung. The senior fund managers are on holiday, so it's a much more dangerous market."

The picture was repeated across Europe: all bourses dropped on thin trading. By the time Wall Street started to recover, the FTSE 100 had fallen 92.8 points to 5587.6. The number of blue chip shares changing hands dropped below the 300 million mark, for only the third time this year.

Hardest hit was **Reed International**, off 35p to 528p. Dealers said that profit downgrades after last week's results has been joined by uncertainty created by management changes. **British Airways** lost 34p to 557p after returning financial results and **Reckitt & Coleman** — which had withstood the FTSE bear run — fell 70p to £10.95.

Orange was the best FTSE 100 performer, up 6 per cent at 795p on solid results. A minor rebound from department stores lifted **House of Fraser** up 2p to 127p, **Debenhams** up 8p to 335 and **Great Universal Stores** up 33p to 726p.

Shares of **Lady In Leisure** were 32p better at 225p after the health club admitted it had received a takeover approach. Anonymous sources, claiming to be close to the negotiations, have contacted *The Times* claiming the company is examining a cash offer of £18 million — or 307p a share.

This high valuation was backed by a note issued by Greig Middleton last month suggesting an enterprise value of £25 million, and a fair value of 593p per share based on future growth prospects.

Trade in **Desire Petroleum** is heading up again. The oil exploration company, whose sole assets are two gas fields off the Falkland Islands, is due a progress update.

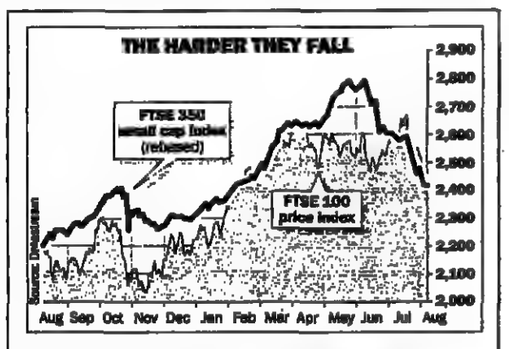
Internet reports say that gas flares have been seen off the oil tranche in which Desire has a 25 per cent stake.

If gas is found, Matheson Investments estimates Desire's shares will be worth £17.08 apiece. If it finds nothing, the shares will be worth nothing. They were up 8½p to 178½p yesterday.

Booker's shares are continuing to advance on the prospect that its mystery takeover bidder will offer north of £630 million to take the agricultural conglomerate apart. The shares added 13p to 255p yesterday, and some brokers are advising clients to hold on for a 300p offer.

The first fruits of the rescue package for the Channel Tunnel rail link were picked yesterday by **S Daniels**, a food manufacturing company.

Clem Jansen saw shares in Silvermines slip ½p despite the positive news the engineer delivered with its interims



WHILE the FTSE100 was in freefall yesterday, London's smaller stocks were holding out much better.

Dealers in the FTSE Small Cap and Alternative Investment Market stocks are saying they are being ignored by the current bear run — in the same way they were ignored by the bulls four months ago.

So while the FTSE 100 dropped by almost 100 points, the FTSE Small Cap index shed only 7.5 points to 2405.6.

Small companies supporters argue that investors do not blindly buy into their sector in the way that tracker funds collect FTSE 100 stocks.

So when there is a stampede out of the blue chips, the smaller companies are left unaffected.

Secondly, the froth has been blowing out of the small-company sector since May — reconnecting many share prices to the fundamental value of the company.

Until the storm in the FTSE 100 is over, the small company sector may well provide the best means of shelter.

London & Continental Railways wants to knock down its Kent factory, and has offered the company £4.2 million to get out. Its shares slid 2½p to 45p. The lion's share of the LCR contracts are expected to be picked up by **Jarvis**, off 6p to 537½p after a strong run last week.

Volvo, the Swedish carmaker, is getting a little nervous about **Henlys Group** — and has said it will take a 10 per cent stake to "reinforce the industrial and commercial co-operation" between the two. This saw its shares jump 48p to 577½p.

Shares of **Vaux Group**, the brewer and hotel operator added 9½p to 339p. Sources were rebeating the suggestion that **Greenalls**, up 3½p to 435½p or **Whitbread**, off 7p at 857p, might be sizing up the Swallow Hotels division.

Mild profit-taking shaved ½p off **Silvermines**, the electrical engineer, after it returned its interims. Clem Jansen, managing director, said its order book is 26 per cent ahead. **Car Group** picked up 1½p from its 16p low yesterday, on the back of yesterday's report in *The Times* that it is in takeover talks with Concept Automotive.

Border Television was 36p better at 341p after saying it has rebuffed a takeover approach from Scottish Radio.

ARM Holdings was up 75p to £11.25 on word that it may win a large contract with Intel. Shares of **Acorn** — which owns 27 per cent of ARM — went up 6p in sympathy to 108½p. Dealers believe Acorn may ditch its stake in ARM altogether and pocket the £144 million this would be worth.

☐ *GILT-EDGED:* The weak equity market saw some some flight to quality, backed up by anticipation of gilt auctions due this week. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 strengthened one tick to 102 8/32 and Treasury 8 per cent 2013 jumped 13/32 to 124 1/32.

☐ NEW YORK: Early morning losses caused by continuing worries over Asian currency devaluations were largely reversed in late morning trading. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average had inched up 0.77 points to 8,598.79.

Owing to production difficulties at our suppliers, the sterling and spot rates below refer to Friday's trading.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 8598.79 (+0.77)
S&P Composite 1088.87 (-0.58)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 15626.42 (-202.75)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7034.62 (+16.21)

Amsterdam:
AEX Index 1167.64 (-11.75)

Sydney:
AO 2597.4 (-1.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX 5476.35 (-104.97)

Singapore:
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Brussels:
BEL20 3469.19 (-27.16)

Paris:
CAC-40 3939.45 (-102.43)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 1561.40 (-53.00)

London:

FT 30	3587.7 (-74.4)
FTSE 100	5587.6 (-92.8)
FTSE 250	5304.7 (-18.3)
FTSE 350	2695.9 (-38.2)
FTSE Eurotop 100	2735.18 (-57.49)
FTSE All-Share	2625.13 (-35.55)
FTSE Non Financials	2684.07 (-28.08)
FTSE Fixed Interest	144.69 (+0.23)
FTSE Govt Secs	109.17 (+0.24)
Bargains	49866
SEAQ Volume	617.7m
US$	1.6321 (+0.0005)
German Mark	2.9042 (+0.0104)
Exchange Index	104.2 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.4751
£:SDR	1.2305
RPI	163.4 Jun (3.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	161.1 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Chaucer A Wts	12½	...	
Coca-Cola (160)	171½	–	2½
Downtex	26	...	
Hidden Hearing Intl	150	–	½
MEPC Non Cum Pf B	95	...	
Martin Cur Hgh Inc	103½	+	½
Premier Direct Grp	182½	...	
Selfridges (233)	204	–	3½
Sodra Petroleum	54½	+	2
Springbd Vent Mng	147½	...	
SupaRule	99½	–	1
Syndct Cp Wt 98/02	23½	...	
Torotrak	267½	+	5
Wilmslow Group	2½	...	

RIGHTS ISSUES

Metroline n/p (250)	60½	–	8
Pressac n/p (180)	29	+	5½
Torotrak n/p (300)	½	–	½
Wellington n/p (210)	10	–	1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Border TV	341p (+36p)
Inchcape	196p (+20p)
Danka Bs Sys	141½p (+10p)
Orange	795p (+45p)
Booker	255p (+13p)
MEPC	495p (+25p)
GUS	728p (+33p)
Priem Rail	407½p (+19p)
BR Land	568p (+20½p)
Br Aerospace	468p (+13p)
Next	455p (+10p)

FALLS:

Reed Int	528p (-35p)
Br Airways	557p (-34p)
First Leisure	272p (-15½p)
GRE	310p (-15½p)
Gallaher	372p (-18p)
Royal & Sun Al	580p (-28p)
Shire Pharms	341p (-15½p)
Legal & Gen	699p (-26p)
AMVESCAP	569p (-21p)
BAT	638p (-22p)
Psion	650p (-20p)
Hays	883p (-26p)
Wolseley	340p (-10p)
Smiths Ind	732½p (-21p)

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TEMPUS

Beguiling BA

A FORCED sale of an asset is clearly preferable to a forced giveaway. But British Airways has even better reasons to want to show it can make a buck or two by conducting an auction of the slots that it must shed to secure regulatory agreement to its alliance with American Airlines.

BA's value can be looked at in a number of ways. But if the market prices the company at £5.8 billion and the net assets are worth some £3.4 billion, a large part of the difference must be the right to fly planes in and out of certain airports. Without those rights, BA is nothing more than a few computers, a big salary bill and tonnes of aluminium scrap parked next to a runway.

In the past month, the market has devalued those rights. In July, when BA's market worth exceeded £7 billion, the slots could have been deemed to be worth £4 billion, more than the net value of BA's assets. However, the strength of the pound has been hurting BA's ability to compete with European carriers and a rush to shift planes away from deserted Asian routes to the thriving Atlantic market is putting a squeeze on the process. Profit margins are also under pressure from the worrying trend among business clients to herd executives into economy class.

All this puts into question whether BA shares are really cheap at 10-11 times current year earnings. A sale of the slots would provide a welcome cash boost for BA and would also crystallise the value of some of the goodwill in its balance sheet. It may also prove that the shares are underpriced, but until then airline market pressures on BA do not bode well for investors.

Orange

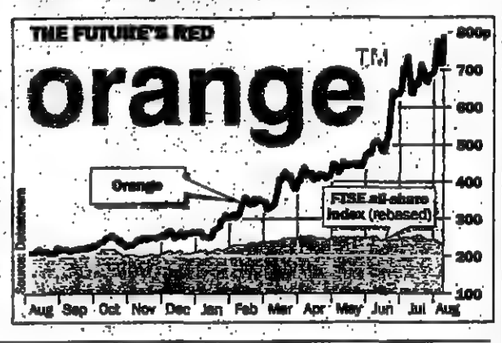
Orange surprised the market yesterday with news that it made a small profit in the first half, albeit one before taking account of interest payments. Shares added 45p to take them up, in a falling market, to 795p. That is four times the price at which they languished a year ago, and four times the price at which they were floated in early 1996.

Orange impresses with the quality of the service it offers, with the way it is extending its customer base, and in trying to widen uses for the increasingly ubiquitious mobile pest. Shareholders may also find comfort in that customers spend an average of £485 a year.

By casting aside suggestions yesterday that Orange is feeling heat from the current economic environment, the company encouraged optimism. Aspirations that mobile telephony will be given a second wind as replacements for fixed line phones also helped.

But it as well to remember that the Orange enthusiasm is based on hope value. Orange is loss making, pays no dividend, and is hugely indebted. The hopes are not without foundation, indeed proper profits and dividends may not be far away now.

Yet it is often better to travel than to arrive and eroding profit margins must loom large in the thinking of any mobile phone operator. The shares, having perhaps been underrated for the first part of its quoted life, are now overrated. Sell.



Saatchi

LIKE the England cricket team, Saatchi & Saatchi has an uncanny ability to snatch failure from the jaws of success. Over the winter the ad agency network celebrated its demerger from Cordiant Communications Group with two large business wins at its New York office: Delta Airlines and Oil of Olay (as they call it over there).

But no sooner had the ink dried on these wins, than the London office dropped the ball. Gone is the National Lottery (its largest account), and Schweppes. Visa International is likely to go the same way. Add to this the economic problems of the Antipodes (where Saatchi is strong), and a virtual freeze on new adverts in Singapore (where the local Saatchi branch was voted worldwide agency of the year by *Advertising Age* magazine) and you can see why Saatchi shares have been so weak recently.

But like Alec Stewart's gallant boys, Saatchi can still muster triumphs. Cost cutting has brought the operating margin up from 7 per cent to 8.1 per cent. This is not quite the 13 per cent enjoyed by WPP Group but it is a move in the right direction.

The fact that Saatchi's management is now focusing on this issue is reason enough to tuck the shares away.

Inchcape

Inchcape's attempts to find focus are starting to pay off.

The group said in March that it wants to concentrate on its worldwide car distribution and sales operation. This meant spinning off or selling the Coca-Cola bottling plants in South America and Russia; the shipping services arm; and the marketing businesses — whose portfolio spans Durex condoms and Ferrero Rocher chocolates.

What drove the shares up yesterday was the feeling that the board is now likely to go for cash sales rather than demergers — the bottling plant in Russia being the first up for a trade sale. Institutions had been understandably perturbed about receiving shares in companies quoted in Chile or other far-flung bourses where elements of Inchcape, renowned as a far-flung company, traded.

The return of capital to investors next year could be as much as £700 million, some in the City believe, if all the disposals are cash deals. So with Inchcape's market value at just £933 million before yesterday's interims, it was little wonder that the shares went up from 176p to 196p. This still doesn't value the remaining motor business very highly and there may be the chance of making some quick turns as the disposal process pans out.

But the shares are of little long-term interest.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Sep	1077-1075	Dec	1205-1195
Dec	1109-1107	Mar	1220-1216
Mar	1132-1130	May	unq
May	1150-1146	Jul	
Jul	1162-1160		
Sep	1180-1177	Volume: 2392	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1677-1675	May	1605 SLR
Nov	1644-1640	Jul	unq
Jan	1625-1620	Sep	
Mar	1610 SLR	Volume: 2380	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	258.5-57.8
Spot: unq		Aug	263.0-60.8
Oct	251.9-51.1	Oct	262.5-60.0
Dec	251.9-51.1	Dec	263.5-59.6
Mar	254.9-54.4	Volume: 1679	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 7

(p/kg lw)	Ffig	Stirg	Castle
GB	46.93	107.48	87.27
(+/-)	-0.40	+5.12	-0.49
Eng/Wales	46.93	107.21	86.96
(+/-)	-0.40	+4.93	-0.53
Pig	-6.0	-9.0	-3.0
Scotland	unq	108.17	92.40
(+/-)		+5.96	+0.76
Pig		+49.0	-14.0

JC15-LDB (London 5.00pm)
CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	11.75	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Sep)	12.35	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Oct)	12.55	-0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	13.35	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	13.70	-0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	146 (n/c)	150 (n/c)
Gasoil ESC	109 (n/c)	112 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	119 (n/c)	123 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL

Aug	105.25-05.50	Nov	117.75-18.00
Sep	109.25-09.50	Dec	121.50-21.75
Oct	114.00-14.25	Vol: 22095	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	12.31-12.32	Dec	13.10-13.15
Oct	12.53-12.55	Jan	13.35 SLR
Nov	12.85-12.87	Vol: 52014	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	68.75	Sep	69.70
Nov	70.75	Nov	72.50
Jan	72.75	Jan	74.50
Mar	74.75	Mar	76.35
May	76.75	May	77.35
Volume: 212		Volume: 25	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	80.0
Mar	—	112.5
Apr	170.0	172.0
		Volume: 198

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Sep 46.50-47.00

LIFFE SUFFEX (GNI Ltd $M/pt)

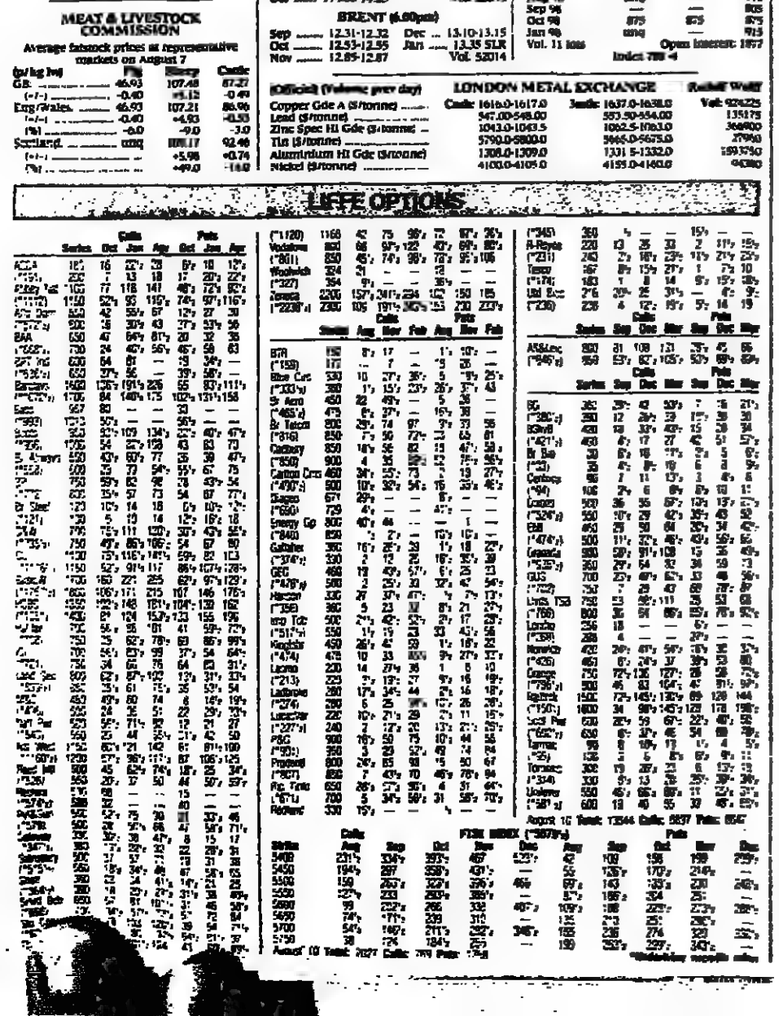
	High	Low	Close
Aug 98	unq	—	775
Sep 98	—	—	805
Oct 98	875	875	875
Jan 99	unq	—	915
Vol: 11 lots		Open Interest: 1877	

Index: 788-4

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rabbit Wallet

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1616.0-1617.0	1637.0-1638.0	926225
Lead ($/tonne)	547.00-548.00	553.50-554.00	135175
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1043.0-1043.5	1062.5-1063.0	346900
Tin ($/tonne)	5790.0-5800.0	5665.0-5675.0	27990
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1308.0-1309.0	1331.5-1332.0	1093750
Nickel ($/tonne)	4100.0-4105.0	4155.0-4160.0	94380

LIFFE OPTIONS



BOND FUTURES & OPTIONS

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt (Previous open interest 104948)	Sep 98	109.93	110.20	109.90	110.16	30232
	Dec 98	110.18	110.34	110.18	110.33	396
German Govt Bond (Bund) (Previous open interest 71384)	Sep 98	110.19	110.36	110.05	110.32	4027
	Dec 98				109.50	0
Five Year Gilt (Previous open interest 3411)	Sep 98				104.04	0
	Dec 98					0
Italian Govt Bond (BTP) (Previous open interest 10048)	Sep 98	122.00	122.14	121.50	122.11	19982
	Dec 98	108.20	108.40	108.20	108.41	550
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Sep 98	134.26	134.34	134.25	134.34	1120
	Dec 98	134.15	134.15	134.10	134.14	821
Three Mth Sterling (Previous open interest 1143217)	Sep 98	92.320	92.330	92.310	92.330	30532
	Dec 98	92.470	92.480	92.450	92.480	16215
	Mar 99	92.680	92.710	92.680	92.700	11057
Three Mth Euromark (Previous open interest 2513782)	Sep 98	96.435	96.450	96.435	96.450	23810
	Dec 98	96.230	96.240	96.210	96.240	45904
Three Mth Eurolira (Previous open interest 759948)	Sep 98	95.450	95.450	95.390	95.410	10951
	Dec 98	96.120	96.150	96.120	96.150	6258
Three Mth Euroswiss (Previous open interest 293139)	Sep 98	98.120	98.170	98.110	98.160	19143
	Dec 98	97.960	97.960	97.900	97.960	7896
Three Mth Euro (Previous open interest 33378)	Sep 98	95.905	95.905	95.900	95.905	202
	Dec 98	96.165	96.180	96.165	96.180	150
FTSE 100 (Previous open interest 194515)	Sep 98	5690.0	5690.0	5584.0	5687.0	17774
	Dec 98	5740.0	5740.0	5691.0	5701.0	360

MONEY RATES & YIELDS

Base Rates: Central Rate 7% Finance Rate 8

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 9 Low 7% Week fixed: 7%

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 7% ; 3 mth 7% . Sell: 2 mth 7% ; 3 mth 7% .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	7½-7⅜	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	
Sterling Money Rates	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜
Interbank	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜

Overnight: open: 7½ close 5½

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	7½	n/a	7½	7½	7½
Sterling CDs	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜
Dollar CDs	5.50	n/a	5.50	5.84	5.89
Building Society CDs	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜	7½-7⅜

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	5½-5⅜	5½-5⅜	5½-5⅜	5½-5⅜	5½-4⅞
Deutschmark	unq	—	—	—	4-3
French Franc	unq	—	—	—	3½-2½
Swiss Franc	unq	—	—	—	2-1½
Yen	unq	—	—	—	1-par

GOLD FIXINGS & METAL PRICES

Bullion: Open $285.40-285.80 Close: $285.30-285.80 High: $286.10-286.60
Low: $285.30-285.80 AM: $286.20 PM: $285.40

Krugerrand: $288.00-290.00 (£177.30-179.08)

Platinum: $377.00 (£231.30) Silver: $5.305 (£3.245) Palladium: $291.00 (£178.55)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for August 7	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2557-3.2707	3.2617-3.2646	1½-1⅛pr	3-2½pr
Brussels	59.520-59.840	59.617-59.714	23-18pr	64-57pr
Copenhagen	11.001-11.058	11.026-11.040	¼-par	1-1pr
Dublin	1.1473-1.1560	1.1496-1.1518	16-8pr	49-40pr
Frankfurt	2.8873-2.9006	2.8926-2.8950	1-par	3-2½pr
Lisbon	295.40-296.92	295.88-296.27	¼-par	2-¾pr
Madrid	245.03-246.30	245.42-245.70	60-54pr	206-188pr
Milan	2845.9-2861.2	2852.5-2856.0	70-54pr	209-182pr
Montreal	2.4781-2.5058	2.4806-2.4827	0.56-0.51pr	1.09-1.04pr
New York	1.5519-1.5556	1.5520-1.5528	0.283-0.282pr	0.819-0.789pr
Oslo	12.329-12.385	12.352-12.366	¼-par	¼-par
Paris	9.6700-9.7300	9.6957-9.7037	3½-3¼pr	11-10pr
Stockholm	13.008-13.085	13.050-13.059	¼-par	1¼-1pr
Tokyo	237.28-238.47	237.91-238.12	1½-1½pr	4½-4¼pr
Vienna	20.312-20.411	20.351-20.369	¼-par	2½-2pr
Zurich	2.4290-2.4407	2.4330-2.4361	1¼-1¼pr	3½-3¼pr

Source: Reuters

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.6725-1.6739
Austria	12.51-12.52
Belgium (Com)	36.68-36.72
Canada	1.5227-1.5232
Denmark	6.7752-6.7780
France	5.9640-5.9659
Germany	1.7703-1.7729
Hong Kong	7.7470-7.7480
Ireland	1.4099-1.4149
Italy	1754.6-1754.9
Japan	146.35-146.41
Malaysia	4.2200-4.2700
Netherlands	2.0061-2.0071
Norway	7.5915-7.5975
Portugal	181.95-182.05
Singapore	1.7330-1.7350
Spain	150.95-151.00
Sweden	8.0752-8.0830
Switzerland	1.4963-1.4983

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6318-1.6343
Australia dollar	2.7289-2.7326
Bahrain dinar	0.6050-0.6210
Brazil real*	1.9015-1.9043
China yuan	13.352-13.657
Cyprus pound	0.8370-0.8580
Finland markka	8.7400-8.8840
Greece drachma	474.25-485.65
Hong Kong dollar	12.6423-12.6502
India rupee	68.40-70.20
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4900-0.5260
Malaysia ringgit	6.8866-6.9716
New Zealand dollar	3.2105-3.2165
Pakistan rupee	79.55 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8550-5.9890
Singapore dollar	2.8607-2.8654
S Africa rand (com)	9.951-10.451
U A E dirham	5.9050-6.0420

Barclays Treasury* Lloyds Bank

TRADED OPTIONS

3i	3.141	Lloyds TSB	5.287
ASDA Gp	18.771	LucasVarity	3.365
Abbey Ntl	4.011	Marks Spr	3.369
Allied Dom	2.832	Misys	198
Alliance & Leic	1.018	Nat Grid	1.389
Amvescap	1.351	Nat Power	5.661
AB Foods	179	NatWst Bk	3.147
Bk of Scot	1.629	Norwich Un	2.808
BAA	1.582	Nycmd Amer	144
Barclays	1.697	Orange	5.872
Bass	861	P & O	3.681
BAT Inds	5.834	Pearson	643
BG	6.376	PowerGen	2.659
Billiton	1.603	Prudential	2.477
Blue Circle	665	Railtrack	1.121
BOC	958	Rank Group	6.107
Boots	1.217	Reckitt Col	788
Bpe	2.010	Reed Intl	3.845
BA	5.413	Rentokil	3.629
Brit Energy	7.347	Reuters	2.750
Br Land	3.025	Rio Tinto	875
BP	6.218	RMC	116
Brit Steel	1.278	Rolls Royce	2.078
BSkyB	1.177	Ryl & Sun	7.543
BT	8.684	Ryl Bk Sct	912
BTR	6.680	Safeway	971
CGU	3.596	Sainsbury	849
Cable Wire	3.078	Schroders	39
Cadbury	1.216	Scot & New	539
Carlton Cms	994	Scot Power	1.732
Centrica	3.992	Svn Trent	289
Compass Gp	4.052	Smith Nephew	1.113
Diageo	3.311	Sainsbury	1.048
EMI	818	Smiths Ind	221
Enterprise Oil	743	SmKl Bch	7.862
Gen Elec	4.213	Stagecoach	499
GKN	1.262	Std Chartd	2.410
Glaxo Well	2.965	Sun Life	265
Granada	1.135	Tesco	5.120
GUS	1.300	Thames W	238
GRE	1.375	Tomkins	706
ICI	1.310	Unilever	8.007
HSBC	2.606	Utd News	536
Halifax	2.866	Utd Utilities	1.634
Hays	1.454	Vodafone	8.650
Kingfisher	3.692	WPP	653
Ladbroke	1.348	Whitbread	722
Land Sec	1.255	Williams	1.253
LASMO	4.356	Woolwich	1.344
		Powergen	3.577

US STOCKS

	Aug 10 midday	Aug 7 close
AMP Inc	40½	39⅝
AMR Corp	66½	65½
AT & T	57½	58⅛
Abbott Labs	41⅝	40⅞
Advanced Micro	18½	18⅛
Aetna Life	68⅝	68⅞
Alcan Alum (US)	42	42½
Air Prod & Chem	34⅞	33⅞
Airtouch Comm	58½	57⅞
Albertson's	49⅞	49⅞
Allied Signal	36⅞	36⅞
Allstate Co of Am	35½	37⅞
Alltrista Corp	68⅞	69⅞
Alltel	48⅞	48⅞
Amer Express	100⅞	101
Amer Cont Corp	66½	66⅞
Amer Home Pr	50⅞	51⅞
Amer Intl	93⅞	94⅞
Amer Online	113⅞	111⅞
Amer Stores	29⅞	29⅞
Amer Standard	46½	46⅞
Ameritech	48⅞	49⅞
Amgen	72⅞	70⅞
Amoco	40⅞	41⅞
Andrew Corp	15⅞	16⅞
Anheuser-Busch	50⅞	50⅞
Apple Computer	39⅞	39⅞
Archer Daniels	17	16⅞
Armco	5⅞	5⅞
Armstrong Wrld	50⅞	49⅞
Asarco	21⅞	21⅞
Atl Richfield	69⅞	67⅞
Atlantic City	11	10⅞
Autodesk Pre	64⅞	65⅞
Avery Dennison	57⅞	56⅞
Avon Products	82⅞	80⅞
Baker Hughes	22⅞	23⅞
Baltim Gas & El	30	30⅞
Banc One	46⅞	47⅞
BankAmerica	84⅞	84⅞
Bank of NY	61⅞	61⅞
Bankers Tr Cp	103⅞	104⅞
Bausch & Lomb	48⅞	48⅞
Baxter Intl	53⅞	53⅞
Becto Dickson	53⅞	53⅞
Bell Atlantic	62½	62⅞
BellSouth	65⅞	65⅞
Best Foods	53⅞	53⅞
Black & Decker	34⅞	37⅞
Block (H&R)	41⅞	40⅞
Boeing	38⅞	39⅞
Boise Cascade	38⅞	39⅞
Boston Edison	34⅞	34⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	109⅞	108⅞
Browning Ferris	36⅞	33⅞
Brunswick	18⅞	18⅞
Burlington Nthn	49⅞	49⅞
Burlington Res	41⅞	42⅞
CBS	42⅞	41⅞
CBS Corp	37⅞	37⅞
Campbell Soup	50⅞	50⅞
Cardinal Hlth	39⅞	40⅞
Case Corp	32⅞	31⅞
Caterpillar	49⅞	49⅞
Central & SW	25⅞	25⅞
Champion Int	39⅞	39⅞
Chase Manhat	68⅞	69⅞
Chevron Corp	76⅞	77⅞
Chrysler	58⅞	58⅞
Chubb Corp	72⅞	72⅞
Cigna Corp	94⅞	94⅞
Citicorp	151⅞	153⅞
Clorox	102⅞	102⅞
Coastal Corp	38⅞	38⅞
Coca Cola	79⅞	80⅞
Coca Cola Ent	28⅞	28⅞
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Dominion Res	40⅞	40⅞
Donelley (RR)	40⅞	41⅞
Dover Corp	37⅞	37⅞
Dow Chemical	91⅞	91⅞
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Emerson Elec	60⅞	60⅞
Engelhard Corp	20⅞	20⅞
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Entergy	26⅞	25⅞
Ethyl Corp	5⅞	5⅞
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Europe turns its back on the secrets of success

As it moves towards a single currency, Brussels is succumbing to over-regulation

Battling down the wind tunnels called pedestrian walkways in the heart of Coventry on a sodden February day some years ago, I reflected how blessed were the towns of England whose planners were idle sods interested only in their golf handicaps. By design and at huge expense, the city fathers had compounded the desolation of Hitler's bombing of the great cathedral. Urban architects have always seemed to me in need of some sort of equivalent to the Hippocratic oath — if not "do no harm", then at least "let well alone". So, even more acutely, have the "architects" of the EU.

In 1985, after years of regulatory fervour, the European Community took that precautionary principle at least partly on board. The launching of the 1992 single market programme that December, with the Single European Act, was a blow for liberalisation, a revolt against the passion for standardising everything in Brussels that had infected the EC with "Eurosclerosis". But in 1998, under the spell of imminent economic and monetary union, both governments and the Commission are in danger of reverting to bad old habits. The signs are everywhere that the zealous planners are making a comeback.

The key insight grasped in 1985 was that the free movement of goods and services in Europe did not require, and could even be hindered by, rigid uniformity. "Harmonisation" of national laws and regulations was strangling rather than promoting the common market objective of the original Treaty of Rome. Over-regulation had created the unloved Europe of persecuted cheesemakers, obscure committees discussing the proper size of teddy bears' eyes and the famous ten-year argument over the height and size of tractors' rear lights. Most damagingly, the Brussels-centred concept of the "level playing field" had also proved a wonderfully convenient alibi for protectionist lobbies. It became clear that there would never be a genuinely open single market in Europe unless limits were set to the manic codifying of every conceivable economic activity.

Free-market reformers such as Lord Cockfield and Sir Leon Brittan persuaded governments instead to adopt, under the Single European Act and the 1992 single market programme, the radical alternative of "mutual recognition" by all member states of each other's laws, regulations and standards. The principle governing the vast new pile of single market directives was that formal harmonisation should be kept to the strict minimum "necessary to ensure a proper functioning of the single market", to protect consumers and, in services, to serve the needs for prudential regulation. The 1992 market-opening drive operated on the assumption that free trade could be based on national standards, provided these met an agreed EU-wide minimum — and that competition law could do well what detailed regulation could only do badly. It made for a more flexible economic dynamic.

Some Commission bureaucrats, and some governments, admittedly seized on that innocent "minimum standard" proviso as a side door to continued centralised regulation. The Brussels culture is not easily changed. At an all too typical lunch there not long ago, a group of the Commission's finest spent forty minutes complaining that ministers had turned down their proposed directive compelling all EU fire brigades to conform, at huge expense, to a single standard for protective clothing. The 1992 programme gave the Commission a new, much healthier role as competition's watchdog.

The change of approach was a fresh response to the question, What kind of Europe? which showed that the EU did not have to be an over-regulated monster. Because harmonisation extends the power of the state at the expense of individual freedoms, while competition sets people free, there should be a presumption against it unless the benefits unequivocally outweigh the costs.

That is why it is depressing that "harmonisation" is once again the EU watchword — on taxation, forseeably also in social security, and as a supposed condition for the effective integration of EU financial markets and the success of the single currency. The truth about EMU is that the precise opposite is true: when countries cannot use exchange rates as policy tools, something has to take their place, and that puts a premium on competitive labour markets and flexible fiscal policies.

Yet Austria, which took over the EU presidency last month, is pushing to close the gap between tax rates in different EU countries — and where Austria pushes, Germany is actively lending muscle. At the Bundesbank, Hans Tietmeyer has after all consistently held the view that with EMU, "it is an illusion to think that states can hold onto their autonomy over taxation policy".

For harmonisation, read tax rises if you are British: the tax take in this country is 38 per cent, compared with an EU average of more than 45 per cent. There are schemes for EU-wide withholding taxes on savings, a common "floor" rate for corporation taxes and a new energy tax. Is income tax likely to stay off the agenda for long, given that basic rates are 23 per cent in this country, but 29 per cent in Germany and 33 per cent in France?

The British Government has put it about that it will resist such encroachments on sovereignty tooth and nail and will, in particular, veto any additional burden on British taxpayers. Since all fiscal decisions must be unanimous, that should be the end of the matter. But don't bet on it. So, even more vehemently, said the Major Government — the very government that in 1994, voluntarily sold the London art market down the river when it agreed to an EU-wide regime of VAT on art sales.

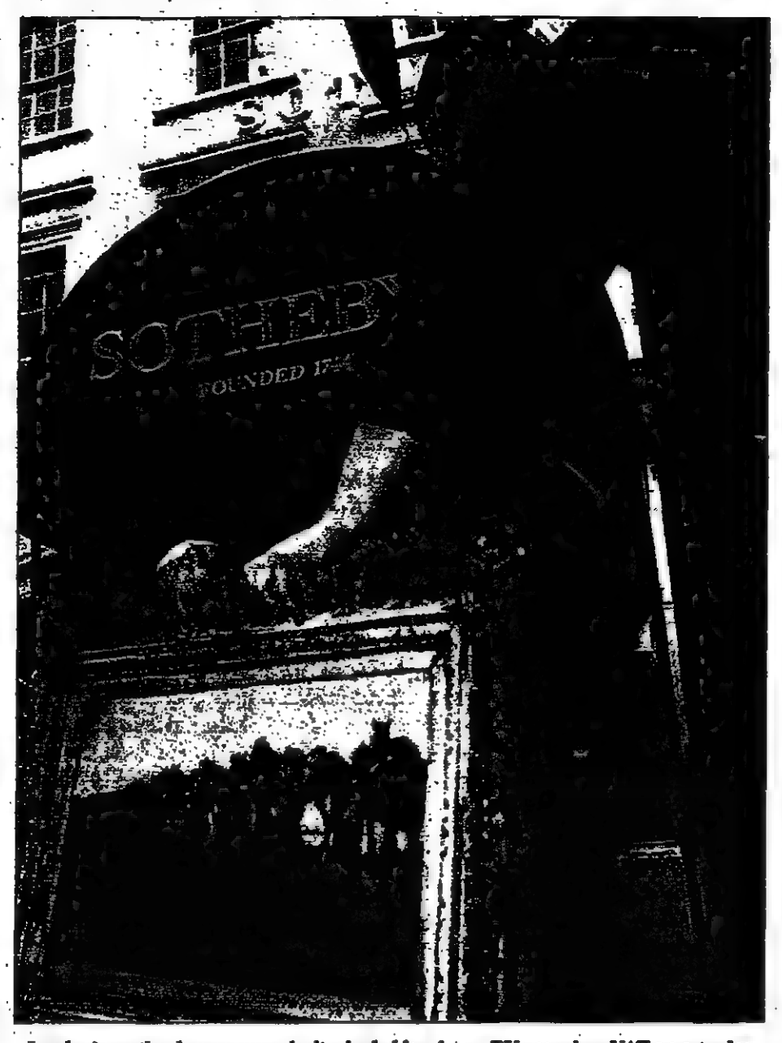
In EU matters, political trade-offs have a curious way of shouldering principle aside. If the last, relatively Eurosceptic and determinedly free-market government could be strong-armed into damaging London's world-beating fine arts auction-houses — a business that employs 50,000 people and has a turnover of £2.2 billion — what should be expected of one that is conspicuously anxious to prove Britain's credentials as a "good European"? A month ago, Helen Liddell, then a Treasury minister, emerged from an Ecofin meeting saying happily that everybody had "welcomed the broad themes" set out by the Austrian presidency. And Gordon Brown cheerfully signed up last December to a "voluntary" code of conduct on "unfair" tax competition — a term left perilously ill-defined.

The Government claims that the innocent objective is to close loopholes and eliminate tax evasion. That is not the way his colleagues, or the Commission, see it. They want a minimum level of corporation tax to stop "harmful" competition. Their argument is that with a single currency and mobile capital markets, such a floor is needed to stop a "race to the bottom" as countries compete for inward investment, forcing governments to compensate with higher taxes on labour — leading to higher unemployment. This is flawed logic. Skills and social security charges can influence investors quite as powerfully as corporate tax rates. The truth is that the major continental EU governments, reliant on high tax regimes, would rather suppress competition than cut spending and the appetite for tax revenue.

The EU code of conduct slips the padlock off the door. It may be voluntary now; but the social chapter, which also began as voluntary measure, has acquired teeth far sharper than Tony Blair admitted when he signed Britain up to it with the breezy assurance that Britain would never have to go along with measures that it did not approve.

In Brussels, a committee on harmful tax competition is now hard at work. Mario Monti, the EU taxation commissioner, sent it last month a confidential list of 75 different taxes to review. The Commission's proposed 20 per cent minimum withholding tax on savings would simply drive savers outside the EU. Britain has joined Luxembourg in calling for an independent investigation. How naive can you get? Mr Monti's ambitions do not end there. He sees the advent of Internet marketing as one more excuse for ending Britain's zero VAT rate on children's books, clothes, and food. His hope is that under EMU, the integration of markets and institutions will make it easier "to aim for a much higher degree of tax homogeneity".

Politics, notably the fear that transparency will accentuate the mobility of capital and investment decisions, is turning the best economic arguments for EMU on their head. Just when enlargement demands more subsidiarity and greater imagination about a multi-system Europe, the EU is marching forward to the over-regulated past. The next formal event on the EU calendar, the October mini-summit in Vienna on "the future of the Union", is supposedly about defining limits to Community action. Don't bet too much on that, either.



London's auction houses were dealt a body blow by an EU accord on VAT on art sales

IBM's withdrawal from Olympics is calculated gamble

The Rome Olympic Games in 1960 seem a long way away. The event was much smaller in those days: it was exclusively amateur (except for the East Germans) and the British team actually had a chance of winning some medals. Computers were giant, whirring monoliths, little more than glorified adding machines, with less processing power than a pocket calculator you could buy for less than £50. Yet that was the first year that International Business Machines sponsored the Games.

Sydney 2000 will be an entirely different fish. The millennium games will feature professional athletes in the main events, who "do not get out of bed" for less than £100,000 a race. The cost of staging the event is running into billions of dollars and the Sydney Olympic organising committee is concerned that it will turn a loss. It is also the last Olympics being sponsored by IBM.

The decision by IBM to pull its sponsorship of the Olympics was a surprise, but the writing had been on the wall for at least two years. IBM is the third-oldest backer of the Olympics. Kodak has been involved virtually since the Olympics restarted in 1896 and Coca-Cola first became involved when it helped to fund the US team attending the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam. However, the Atlanta games in 1996 were a watershed for many sponsors, particularly IBM.

Systems problems bedevilled Atlanta and IBM was blamed. Its deal with the International Olympic Committee was to supply systems, an open-ended commitment that cost it a great deal more than the $40 million-a-games cost of being able to put the five rings on your product. It also spent $25 million (£15 million) on US television adverts to support the sponsorship — which might seem like a great deal but it was much less than other lead sponsors Coca-Cola ($60 million), General Motors ($50 million), Anheuser-Busch ($45 million) and McDonald's ($45 million).

Before and after the games the US research firm, Lou Harris, compiled an awareness rating — that is a measurement of a consumer's knowledge of a company and its products as prompted by watching an event that company sponsors. IBM was fortunate — its awareness rose 3 percentage points to 65 per cent (some sponsors, such as Visa, Kodak and Holiday Inn, saw their awareness ratings fall). However, the research found that Nike, which was not even a sponsor, gained a rating of 73 per cent. Only one official sponsor, McDonald's, scored higher.

What Nike had done was ambush the sponsorship. It bought all the best poster sites in Atlanta, set up a sponsors village next door to the official village and signed up many of the leading athletes, most notably Michael Johnson who stormed to victory and a world record in the 200 metres wearing specially made Nike golden shoes.

The first thing IBM did for the Nagano Winter Olympics earlier this year was to make sure everything went smoothly. This it did but the giant cost of this (which IBM has not disclosed, though it is thought to be well in excess of $100 million) made it think again about what it was getting for its money. It was a brave decision to pull out. But Martin Thomas, managing director of sponsorship consultants Cohn & Wolfe, thinks others may follow. "The Olympics, World Cup and other major events are not delivering what sponsors think they might. There is much better value to be had in smaller events, like the rugby or cricket world cups, or in arts sponsorship, which is becoming a serious marketing tool rather than something the chairman does on a whim."

For Sydney, sponsors are being put off by the fact that there is no live coverage of the main events on US network television. Most corporations are keeping their powder dry for the winter games in Salt Lake City in 2002. By the Athens games in 2004 it is expected that many events will be on televised pay-per-view, so impairing the value of the sponsorship forever.

☐ THE long-running saga of who will sponsor the England football team looks set to take another turn. Followers of this tale will remember that, only five years ago, the national team did not actually have a main commercial backer, hampered by the edict from Fifa that national teams cannot have a sponsor's name on their shirt while playing representative matches.

The English Football Association worked around this to strike a £1 million a year deal with Green Flag, the motor rescue business. This put the Green Flag name all over the training kit and all was happy until the first game, which was the abandoned match against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin. Still, Green Flag said it was happy with its deal.

When it came to renewing the arrangement, the FA put up the price to about £4 million a year and with Green Flag's takeover by Cendant of the US and likely merger with RAC Motoring Services, the relationship ended.

Since this emerged back in May the FA has been looking for a new sponsor. Vauxhall and Ford balked at the price; talks with One-2-One did not result in anything. Now the hot tip is that Agfa, one of the FA's panel of sponsors, is about to sign. Neither side is saying anything but, as the editor of "Hush Hush" says in *LA Confidential*, you know where you read it first.

The special Nike golden shoes worn by Michael Johnson

Pulling power

IN December, I wrote about a scheme to create the ultimate community local, whereby residents of Bovis Homes' new Deer Park estate in Witney, Oxfordshire, clubbed together to buy a plot of land on which to build their own pub. Sadly, my fears that it might prove more difficult than they imagined have come true.

Despite the fact that the offer of shares in Community Pub plc raised enough cash to bid £35,000 for the site, the publicity generated by the scheme threw up interest from another party, thought to be a brewer or pub operator. Bovis has now accepted that offer, although — unlike the residents' scheme — it is subject to planning permission.

But the reaction of the locals suggests our mystery bidder might be on a hiding to nothing. Resident Mike Freer, co-founder of the project, says: "There's no way we'll be using their pub. It'll be boycotted by the locals and every effort made to ensure nobody else does."

"We couldn't get it off the ground"

SAINSBURY'S determination to keep stocking kangaroo meat despite protests from animal rights campaigners is a no-brainer as far as Jason Steinberg, one of its press officers, is concerned. In the latest issue of SuperMarketing magazine, Steinberg, who hails from Queensland, admits that in the past he has bagged the odd 'roo while out hunting on a friend's estate. "They're vermin and eat all the grass which means the sheep end up dying," he says.

Root route

CAR-HATING policymakers at the new-look Department of Transport, Environment and the Regions will surely not be impressed by reports that Toyota is promoting the planting in Derbyshire of a genetically engineered wonder-tree that gobbles up especially large amounts of carbon dioxide from car exhausts. Why be timid when one can be radical? Genetically engineered triffids that relentlessly eat the cars and turn them into biomass would solve the car problem and reverse global warming once and for all.

Phoney war

THE BT phonebox opposite the Cable & Wireless head office in Holborn has been jammed for the past two months — not with calls, but with coins stuck in its new side-entry slots. My informant tells me that C&W workers slipping out to make personal calls have been infuriated to find all other side-entry BT payphones jammed — suggesting a possible design fault in the new system.

I call BT's payphone communications officer (sic). "We don't have any side-entry slots," he grunts, "you might be thinking of another operator." But after further deliberation, he calls me back to say that BT does, after all, own side-slot payphones — in fact, quite a few of them. But none of them have problems, he insists, unless people are "jamming the slots with paper". Surely C&W staff would never do such a thing. Not to a BT payphone.

Foster relation

WHITBREAD'S latest report on the on-trade beer market makes for interesting reading (no, really). Noting the unrelenting march of the biggest lager brands and the continued decline of ale and stout-drinking, the report says that there is increasingly a case for many pubs and bars to offer customers a choice of two standard lager brands. It concludes: "Whitbread is recommending that retailers who have a broad consumer profile adopt a two-brand approach — stocking either Carling or Foster's along with Heineken."

The more discerning lager drinkers among you (now there's an oxymoron) will note that only Heineken is actually a Whitbread brand. Carling is owned by Bass, while Foster's is part of Scottish & Newcastle. A spokeswoman for S&N says the company is delighted Whitbread has seen fit to recommend its popular Australian lager, but adds: "We have no plans to promote any of their products."

BACK to Sainsbury's. Customers of the Homebase store in Brentford out buying garden furniture in anticipation of an extended hot spell were somewhat bemused to see Michael Fish, the BBC weatherman, with a large Calor Gas canister on his trolley. Does this mean we should brace ourselves for polar temperatures? Or are temperatures set to soar for a while yet?

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Gas man: Michael Fish bought a large canister at Homebase

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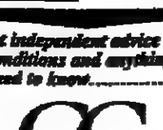

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Will you marry me? Then sign here, darling

The Government has signalled its wish to introduce American-style prenuptial contracts — legally binding agreements that couples planning to marry draw up, with legal advice — which specify how they would divide their assets if they divorced. Geoff Hoon, Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, first floated the idea earlier this year and has confirmed that it has the backing of the Prime Minister's policy group on the family. Legislation could follow this autumn

The idea of making prenuptial contracts legally binding in England and Wales — which they are not at present — has apparently won the backing of the Prime Minister's policy group. If ministers go ahead with the proposal, they will probably give the institution of marriage its greatest boost for many years.

Such a step would recognise that resolving a potential problem before it becomes a real one means a saving in legal aid costs. But it would also acknowledge that there are huge emotional savings to be made, and might take some of the acrimony out of financial disputes on divorce.

Although prenuptial agreements are not enforceable in England and Wales, they are in many other parts of the world: North America, Australia, the Continent and some South American countries. If they work for other people, why not for us?

The existence of a prenuptial agreement can already be taken into account on the breakdown of a marriage. It is evidence of what the parties intended immediately before they married and, to judge from recent rulings, courts are attaching more weight to such agreements than previously.

At present, courts have wide discretion on deciding who should have what when couples part. They must consider all the circumstances of the case, putting the welfare of children first. Prenuptial agreements are not mentioned, but "all the circumstances" do include such agreements.

In a leading case, *F v F*, in which the husband's fortune was estimated at between £150 and £200 million, and the wife was awarded £9.3 million, Mr Justice Thorpe said that provision for the wife in the agreement, that she would receive an income equal to that of a German judge, was derisory. It was this that enabled him to say that no weight would be attached, in that case, to the agreement.

Nonetheless, last year in the case of *S v S*, Mr Justice Wilson quoted Mr Justice Thorpe from that same case, saying that the circumstances surrounding prenuptial agreements and the provisions in them might, "when viewed in the context of the other circumstances of the case, prove influential or even crucial".

Unromantic? Yes: because before entering into prenuptial agreements, couples will have to have independent expert legal advice. They will also have to make full disclosure of means and resources. Most prenuptial contracts entered into in European countries have the effect of making derisory provision for a wife in the event of a divorce. So the agreements will have to contain fair provision for spouses in the event of a divorce.

But this leads to greater understanding and openness. It identifies potential areas of conflict and limits expectation. It helps to prevent the protracted litigation which can arise when a marriage breaks down and a wife has little idea of her husband's position, and seeks to find a non-existent crock of gold. A prenuptial agreement is entered into when judgment is not impaired by trauma and shock over the break-up.

Such agreements create certainty. Both parties know what they will get out of a marriage if it breaks down at any given point, preventing the expense, acrimony and bitterness of a court dispute.

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Unromantic but practical: prenuptial agreements will identify potential areas of conflict and limit expectations

Who to blame when the jury is out to lunch

In *Watching Brief*, James Comyn told the story of the Irish jury which acquitted the defendant against the evidence. Out of curiosity, the judge asked them why. "Insanity," replied the foreman. "What?" responded the judge. "All 12 of you?"

Juries habitually receive a bad press. *The Juryman's Tale* by Trevor Grove (Bloomsbury, £11.99) is a vigorous, highly entertaining defence of the jury system and a lucid analysis of the need for reform. It describes the experience of a journalist on an Old Bailey jury and should be read by all lawyers and judges who want to understand what juries are thinking.

Partly because of the restrictions on jury research imposed by the Contempt of Court Act 1981, we normally read about juries only when they are guilty of some absurdity. Last month a juror hearing a trial at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court was discharged by the judge after asking for the defendant's date of birth so he could prepare an astrological chart to help him to decide the case. In Canada last month, a woman was convicted of obstructing justice by having a love affair with a man on trial for murder while she was serving on the jury that acquitted him.

David Pannick QC

Among the extraordinary Crown Court cases in recent years in which judges have had to discharge juries and order a retrial have been the case at Luton where a juror told the defendant, from the jury box, "Why don't you plead guilty? You are ****ing guilty"; the trial at Winchester where the jurors complained that they could not concentrate because the lawyers kept watching them; the proceedings at Northampton where a juror told the usher that the defence barrister was "such a rude little man" that she wanted to hit him; the Old Bailey trial in which the jury complained to the judge that one of their number was "a pain in the arse . . . a self-opinionated, bullying know-all"; the case at the Old Bailey where two of the jurors almost came to blows after one accused the other of burgling his flat; and the Exeter hearing where two jurors complained that one of their colleagues had fleas. The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal and ordered a retrial in a case from Hove Crown Court in which some members of the jury hearing a murder trial used a Ouija board to try to contact the victims.

Mr Grove's jury was guilty of no such absurdities. In 1997 he served on a jury which tried four men accused of kidnapping a Greek shipping magnate. The case lasted for 64 days. The jury consisted of a dozen "very ordinary men and women" including a postman, a cleaner and a Sainsbury's checkout lady. Only two of them had been to university and "few read a newspaper regularly". This was "a bunch of disparate people thrown together in unusual circumstances". Yet it worked. As he observes, in a cynical age, "jury membership does seem to summon up people's civic-mindedness" and to encourage the application of concepts of honesty, fairness and justice. You would not entrust the task of determining guilt to any one member of the jury. But in the jury on which he served, each member made a contribution. The jury is, he concludes, not just an admirable idea, a symbol that makes palatable the power of the State to try to imprison alleged offenders. Given the inevitable fallibility of human beings, it is as efficient a mechanism for determining truth as any other.

We learn from Mr Grove's account that juries understandably find it profoundly irritating to be excluded from court while points of law are debated, and resent being treated as "necessary idiots who could not be trusted with an explanation". They are outraged, and rightly so, that lawyers deny them access to information about the previous convictions of the defendant, and so require them to "judge the honesty of defendants without the aid of a vital bit of knowledge" — the person's history.

Juries need to be informed of the defence case at the outset so that they know the relevance (if any) of questions asked and the evidence called. They are distrustful of pompous barristers, suspicious of police evidence in the light of miscarriages of justice, and angry at the inefficiency of criminal trials with so much time wasted while documents and witnesses are found.

Mr Grove makes a powerful defence of jury trial against those who doubt the ability of "ordinary people" to decide complicated cases. However, as he recognises, only the amendment of the Contempt of Court Act to allow research would reveal how typical his jury was. He is at least his persuasive in being "nervous" that such a scrutiny would reveal the flaws without explaining the strengths.

Without any breach of the contempt laws, Mr Grove offers a number of hints to barristers who want to retain the respect of the jury. In particular, if you are acting in a case where the jury and the lawyers go out to view the scene of the crime, don't wear a bowler hat.

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History's great unromantics

New Labour, in championing antenuptial contracts (or "prenups" as we may soon be saying), is recycling an old idea. The Jewish *ketubbot*, which guaranteed the woman's right to property when her husband died, dates from the 1st century AD.

Aristocrats everywhere have always gone to lawyers before tying the knot, and the bigger the financial disparity between them and their beloveds, the more their families have urged them to do so. Such luminaries as Mozart and Napoleon — together with their respective fiancées, of course — have had recourse to marriage contracts.

And here in England in 1684, poor Elizabeth Beecher was not so prepared to demean herself as to promise "that if I am not with child by you in two years to make void the contract" which her young man gallantly kept (unsigned) until his death, two children later.

Not that the Lord Chancellor, who intends to put such "contracts" on a statutory footing, needed to look that far back. Last year, two different judges of the Family Division of the High Court, Mr Justice Cazalet and Mr Justice Wilson, held that premarital arrangements were already one of "all the circumstances of the case" which the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 enjoined them to consider when making financial orders on divorce.

Yet the Government's plan, which ministers apparently believe will cut divorce costs, is open to objections other than its mere superfluity.

Mozart and Napoleon: protected assets

First, it would be a lawyers' bonanza. The number of weddings may be going down, but still exceeded divorces (where much of the trade will soon be going to mediators) by more than 78 per cent in 1996. Furthermore, the government suggestion is that such deals would be binding only if they were "fair and workable".

The parties, far from being the conciliatory, far-sighted couple the Government apparently imagines them to be, are likely to be litigious. One of them will want to escape the "prenup", thus providing work for a third firm come the divorce. Fixed formulae, even self-selected ones, are unlikely to remain "fair" in so infinitely variable and unpredictable a matter as family life. It is difficult to see how they could remain good after childbirth.

Secondly, such deals, unlike *ketubbot*, are likely to involve the "weaker economic party" (as wives are euphemistically termed in this context) in provisionally accepting less than "she" would otherwise get on divorce.

Few would object to the toyboy of a millionairess agreeing to rough it on a few hundred thousand and one of the Rollers: in other legal systems which have influenced the Government in this matter, marriage contracts are for the rich. But given that our courts are still to have the final word, it seems that such deals would stick only in the case of young couples with separate earning capacities, fated to a short, child-free union.

Let cohabitants, who have thereby chosen not to enjoy the advantages of divorce, agree (to take some reported American examples) that the woman will pay a fine if she puts on weight, or that they will take turns to choose holiday venues — or that they will disclose their sexual experiences, past and future.

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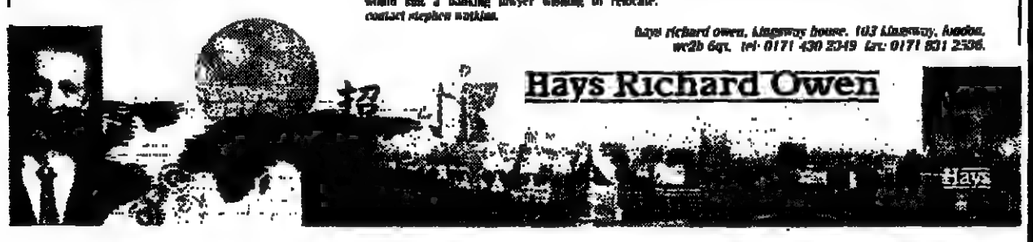

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Off abroad? Pack a lawyer

Getting into legal hot water overseas could scar you for life, reports **Stephen Jakobi**

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When a British passport is not enough: if you are charged with a crime overseas, legal advice and a fair trial cannot be guaranteed

In December 1996, Jackie Rose, a middle-aged housewife from London, was invited by her partner, James Dormer, to go to Greece with him. James, a self-employed lorry driver, had obtained a contract to take a varied consignment of goods in a pre-packed trailer from Kent to various destinations in Athens.

They took several days passing through France, Italy and Greece before arriving at their first delivery point in the Greek capital, where it was discovered that a consignment of Dr Martens boots, valued for insurance purposes at £40,000, was missing from the truck.

The Greek consignee insisted that the British pair had stolen the goods in transit: they were arrested and a bewildered Rose found herself in a women's prison. Rose and Dormer, who were in separate jails, spent several month trying to find out what was happening to their case. Eventually they were told that various applications could be made under Greek law for bail or for a review of their case while it was pending, and that they might face up to ten years' jail: they urgently needed a lawyer.

Neither of them had any money; even the lorry had been impounded and taken by the consignee of the boots. They desperately needed legal aid and advice. To their dismay, they were told that a lawyer would be assigned to them a day or two before the trial and they would have to manage with that. They appealed to the Fair Trials Abroad Trust for help and, luckily for them, their plight attracted the sympathy of the distinguished Athens lawyer Andreas Petsas, the chief Greek correspondent for the trust, who agreed to defend them on a *pro bono* basis. At their trial last October, Rose was acquitted and Dormer received a much shorter sentence than the one originally predicted.

The only reason, it transpired, why Rose had even been arrested was that in the statement she made to the police, she described Dormer as her partner, and to the Greeks that meant a commercial relationship. Without Mr Petsas's help, she would undoubtedly still be languishing in a Greek jail.

Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights recognises that it is fundamental to the protection of the citizen from human rights abuse that he has access to a competent lawyer with the means to understand him. By and large, north European Union countries ensure that this is done but the less mature justice systems in southern Europe do not. The experience of Rose is exceptional only in that she was one of the lucky ones who managed to obtain competent *pro bono* representation.

The trust's files have been littered since its conception with complaints from Britons and other north European citizens that they were not given access to a lawyer until just before their trial started and therefore their case was mishandled by an unprepared advocate.

The problem had not gone unnoticed by the European Commissioner for Judicial Affairs, Anita Gradin, and with commission support, a small grant was obtained from the European Union's Grotius Fund for a joint research project with Warwick University to examine the practical problems of access to justice in Spain, Portugal, Greece and Italy.

It was envisaged that the project would run for three years, and a Greek citizen was hired as researcher, starting in January this year. In May the fund informed the project managers that it would not renew financial support for the next year; unless another source of funding can be found, the project will have to fold in October.

Meanwhile, the procession of cases continues. Bernhard Martin, a German citizen, was jailed in Spain as the result of an extradition request by the French. Our Spanish member of staff noticed an obvious abuse of the European extradition treaty and went to the local court, where Martin was released with apologies from the judge. In a murder case in Italy, a British citizen was represented by a lawyer with only six months' experience in the profession.

The Treaty of Amsterdam declared that it was a principal objective of the EU institutions to bring themselves closer to the fundamental concerns of the citizen. It is hard to understand why there are problems in funding basic research into such a vital aspect of these concerns as access to justice.

Putting the pain into being fired

Frances Gibb on the employees taking advantage of disability discrimination

Employers are facing a deluge of new tribunal claims over hiring and firing because workers can argue that problems such as long-term backache or mental stress are covered by new disability laws. The latest statistics, said by lawyers to indicate the start of an upward trend, show that more than 1,700 claims have been lodged with tribunals since the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 came into force in December 1996.

The Act gives employees the right to claim unlimited compensation against their firm or company if they are discriminated against when applying for a job, or removed from a job because of physical or mental impairments. And large sums are being awarded. A shift chemist at a factory had poor eyesight and, despite wearing special glasses, qualified as disabled. When selected for redundancy, he alleged he had been discriminated against on the ground of his disability and claimed unfair dismissal.

> A huge time bomb is ticking away here

The tribunal found in his favour, arguing that the employers had fail to "mark" him objectively when applying redundancy selection criteria.

He was awarded £103,146 compensation, including £3,500 for injury to feelings.

Michael Burd, employment law specialist partner at the London firm Lewis Silkin, said: "The message for employers is that a huge time bomb is ticking here." The main area of complaint was over unfair dismissal, he said. But employers would also have to be more rigorous about their recruitment procedures. "You could," he said, "even be found in breach of the law if a disabled job applicant indicated his or her disability but you, the employer, did nothing to facilitate the application — such as holding the interview on the ground floor rather on an upper floor."

The law was uncertain, he said, because many claims were awaiting adjudication and only a tiny number had reached the Employment Appeals Tribunal, which hears appeals from the tribunals. But some trends were emerging. If an employee had a back injury which put him off work for a year or more, it was likely to be categorised as a disability.

Another area was mental stress. Though employees would have to demonstrate that they had a clinically recognised condition, it could be that hypertension, depression, insomnia, paranoia, clinical anxiety, post-traumatic stress and other conditions could manifest themselves as stress and be covered by the Act. Premenstrual tension or period pains could also be covered. The test that tribunals had to apply under the law was whether the person had a physical or mental impairment, whether it had a substantial adverse effect, whether it had a long-term adverse effect and whether that effect was on normal, day-to-day activity.

The Employers Forum on Disability said: "The Act forces employers to think: how might a problem be overcome, with reasonable adjustments? It is far better to put subtitles on a training video than to find yourself in a tribunal because a deaf trainee was unable to complete a course."

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Mark Elder storms through Prokofiev

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Ulster Orch. Sitkovetsky Albert Hall

The violinist and conductor Dmitri Sitkovetsky has always been a cool customer. That he also aspires to be a sleeping tiger was obvious from his conducting of the Ulster Orchestra. Sphinx-like in Miyake black, he directed as if there were vast reserves to draw on, tumultuous forces to quell; instead, his own reserve dampened the potential before him, and drained the colour from a programme of exotic hues.

His Tchaikovsky Fourth Symphony was peculiarly low-key, seeming to pass by almost without incident. From the unceremonial opening to the puny string sound in the Finale, the performance lacked energy and edge, while Berlioz's *Les nuits d'été* progressed at a funereal pace.

Rodion Shchedrin's *Four Russian Songs for Orchestra*, a 1998 BBC commission, also suffered from Sitkovetsky's repressive approach. Thankfully Shchedrin's mordant wit came through in this wonderfully clear score, with its incessant pulse like the steps of a tightrope artist, tiptoeing through the whole. Fragments of melody rose like smoke, often from unexpected sources — bassoon, tuba, violas.

One mesmeric chant derived from the mournful songs of blind itinerants who sang to alert horses and people to their approach. A luminous seam of gongs, bells and harp burst out into a climactic shower, an echo of the Orthodox Russian Easter. Everywhere there were ornamental details, phrases phasing into dissolution, shivering winds, glissando timpani. And yet, in its short, highly disciplined 16-minute span there was a sense of inertia that surely came from the dirge-like tempi: marked Allegretto at the outset, it barely reached a very slow Andante.

Shchedrin was also given a patronising portrayal in the programme: to say he is "indulging a shamelessly melodic taste for folk pastiche" does this subtle work a disservice. His music covers a wide gamut, popular, dramatic and avant garde, including the biting satire *Stalin Cocktail*. From his defensiveness in the pre-concert talk, Shchedrin is clearly aware of the hostility.

Barbara Hendricks was welcomed by the Proms audience, and addressed them simply and sincerely in her performance of Berlioz's nocturnal songs. The orchestral accompaniment was appropriately hushed, but not always responsive to the light and shade of each poem. The dancing *Villanelle* trod carefully, while the starkly dramatic *Absence* almost drew to a halt.

HELEN WALLACE

Ode for Stalin

BBC Sym. Elder Albert Hall

Poor Prokofiev. Then again, perhaps not. He left Russia in 1918, consolidated his career in France and America; returned to the Soviet Union in 1936 at the start of the Stalinist Terror — and, at that point, wrote a massive *Cantata for the Twentieth Anniversary of the October Revolution* on texts by Marx, Lenin and Stalin. It was rejected. ("How, comrade, could you use such popular texts and set them to such incomprehensible music?")

Was Prokofiev bluffing or brown-nosing? Was his integrity naive or canny? Or was he speaking the survivors' language of perpetual ambiguity? As the controversy about Shostakovich's memoirs is raked up again, we find inquisition irresistible.

Wherever the truth might have lain for these men caught in the sticky web of their time, their final testament is their music. And on Sunday, in one of those Proms which itself makes history, the mighty Cantata was given a rare performance, with Mark Elder magnificently controlling a vast BBC Symphony Orchestra, BBC Symphony Chorus and Philharmonia Chorus, a brass band and a band of accordionists in scarlet Pioneer waistcoats.

The rejected Prokofiev (the work was totally shelved until 1966) ended up, in Shostakovich's words, "like a chicken in the soup". Some chicken, some soup. The Cantata's ten movements span aphorism and rhetoric, industrial clangour and pastoral peace, battle and victory, pledge and constitution. Even in the orchestral introduction the violin bows are poison-tipped, and there are as many metres as there are notes. Verbal mottos are flung from choir to choir; but there is no answering musical sloganising. The song of loyalty to Lenin may come from the very heart of Mother Russia, but musically it is a deeply troubled heart.

The overwhelming effect of a work which is every bit the equal of Prokofiev's film scores for *Alexander Nevsky* and *Ivan the Terrible* wellnigh erased from the memory all that had gone before. But there in the distance pulsed another dull drum. Britten's *Sinfonia da Requiem*, written in 1939 was, under Elder's most sensitive baton, heavy with apprehension, taut with inner tension. Before that, still more distant echoes of mortality in Berlioz's *Hamlet* March; and a flash of dark Lisztian ambiguity as Paul Lewis made a formidable Proms debut in his First Piano Concerto.

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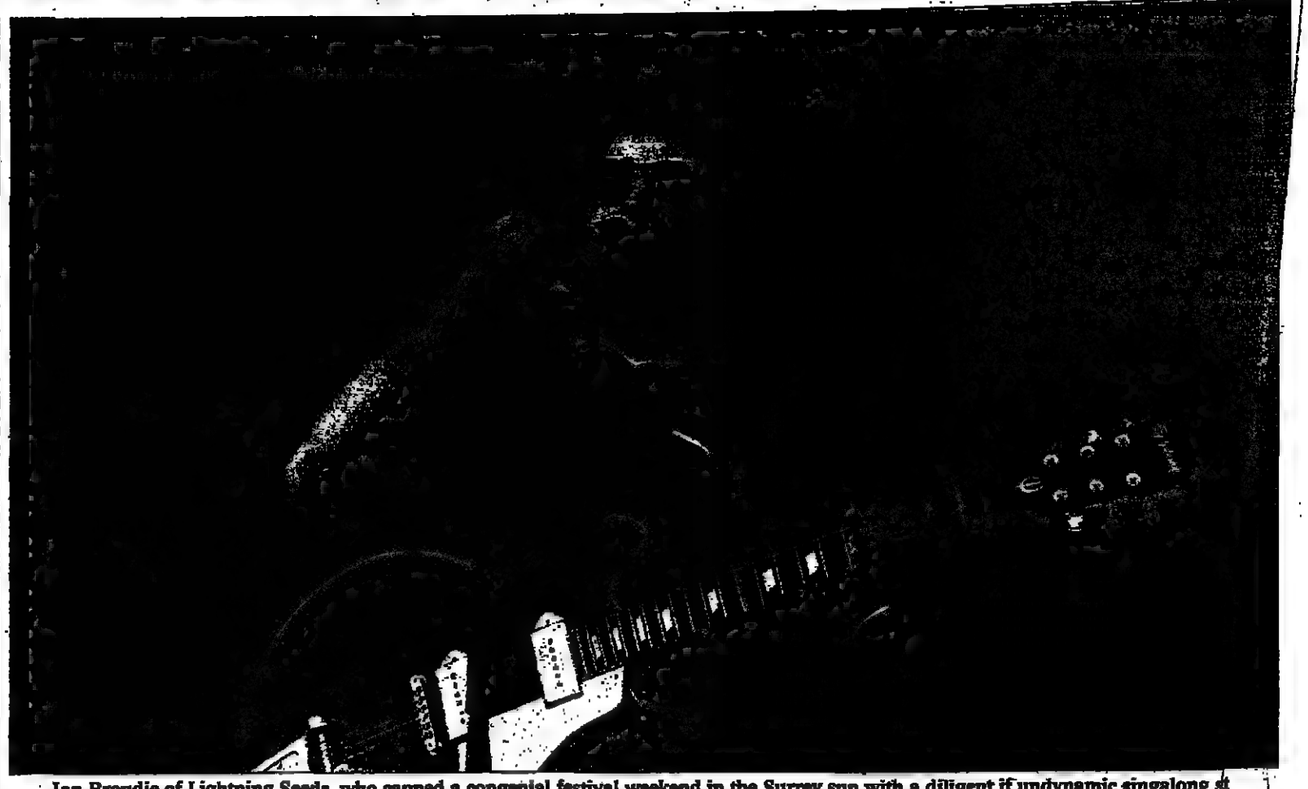

LINDSAY MAGGS

Ian Broudie of Lightning Seeds, who capped a congenial festival weekend in the Surrey sun with a diligent if undynamic singalong

Weekend crowd-pleasers

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Verily it was decreed in days of yore by rock's founding fathers that the words "festival" and "sunshine" may never appear in the same pronouncement. That and other industry rules were cheerfully flouted in leafy Surrey over the weekend.

The sun got his hat on for the sixth Guildford Festival and a large family audience came out to play in well-appointed Stoke Park, where it was conclusively shown that mudbathing, drug arrests and dour indie posturing are not, after all, an essential part of popular music's great outdoors. With "only" three stages and a target turnout of some 30,000, Guildford may be well down the festival pecking order at number six, but the event took full advantage of its lucky meteorological break and provided three days of diverse fare for a crowd displaying almost Woodstockian bonhomie.

"It's nice to be playing somewhere posh," said Tommy Scott of Space, in a Friday headline slot hampered by a mediocre mix that left Scott second best in his duet-by-video with Catatonia's Cerys Matthews on *The Ballad of Tom Jones*. Earlier, Bentley Rhythm Ace were blithely cacophonous and, on the acoustic stage, Labi Siffre played with angry potency. But it was Nottingham trio Sunhouse who provided the early bonus, Gavin Clarke's evocative vocals a perfect conduit for the angst and romance of their *Crazy On The Weekend* album.

As the Saturday sun went down, Beth Orton displayed her increasing vocal power in a quartet featuring cello and violin, and Shed Seven dug deep into their stockpile of hits for a crowd-pleasing set, the chorus of *She Left Me On Friday* gathering many a cheery, beery response of "... and ruined my weekend".

The Supernaturals were made to measure for a lazy Sunday afternoon, their cartoon capers playing well with tots and parents alike, especially when the Scottish pranksters remade Wham's *Freedom* as a tear-stained rocker. Whistler's clear-cut melodies were another pleasant acoustic surprise, notably on their recent Wija single *Rare American Shoes*, and Ian Dury and the Blockheads played with undiminished boisterousness, just as at Paul Weller's Finsbury Park bash the day before. Dury's set-pieces were well seasoned with new songs from the delightful *Mr Love Pants* album.

The festival-closer by the Lightning Seeds was diligent if undynamic, full of sing-along moments yet lacking in projection. But it capped an unfashionably eclectic and congenial weekend in Guildford, the herbs on open sale had names like myrrhe and hyssop, and in these traffic-free surroundings, the only cons were full of ice-cream.

PAUL SEXTON

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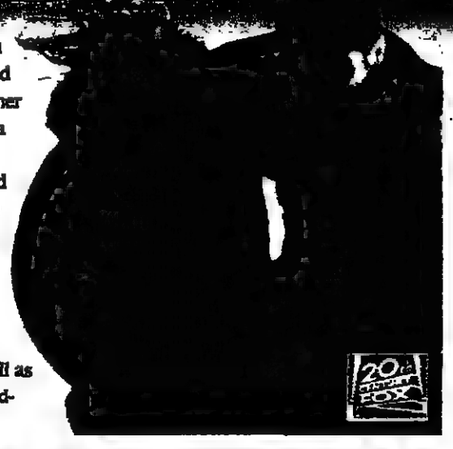

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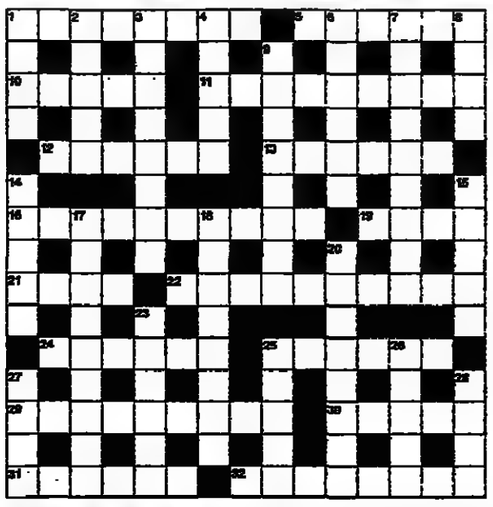

ACROSS
1 Most of youth, note, Mulder lived here (8).
5 See Dana use antidote, partly for this? (6).
10 Like an extraterrestrial body, strangely unreal with one part missing (5)
11 Sinister organisation two girls joined, we hear (9).
12 Row with unknown agent (6).
13 Nothing less than remarkable creator... (6).

DOWN
1 Line in clip showing status of X-Files (4).
2 Taking section of FBI on, I countermanded order (5).
3 State of Scully's education (8).
4 Dangerous states Scully, initially, has to enter (5).
6 Source of Scully's problem with buzzer (6).
7 A prospect, possibly, of installation for extraterrestrial travel (9).

CHANGING TIMES

Another sunset boulevardier

THEATRE

No one doubts that an actor's life is precarious. There is no safety net when the invisible carpet of confidence is whipped from under the feet. How far you fall is morbidly measured from the last lofty pinnacle of success to the mess on the pavement. Like eggs, actors' careers are not insulated with rubber. It goes without saying that few bystanders care to stop and inspect the remains, except perhaps critics and obituary writers.

Gerlind Reinshagen's one-woman play is an unusual but hardly unique apologia for one such middle-aged omelette. In a studio flat littered with beer cans and scraps of manuscript, her heroine Dora flutters about like a broken moth. Her career has dried up as dramatically as her love life. A rope dangles invitingly from the ceiling. In the cracked round mirrors that adorn her walls we see a cracked actress imploring God to squeeze her through the eye of a needle and return her to her former glory.

We also see enough self-pity to keep an entire chapter of Samaritans on overtime for months. Wearing a black Lycra leotard, frizzy red wig, and sporting eyebrows modelled on Marble Arch, the versatile comedienne Paula Wilcox brings an enormous amount of pluck to this thankless role. But despite her elastic vocal skills, and an ability to handle the lightning changes of mood, she can't convert Reinshagen's doughy Germanic humour into the black belly laughs that such a tortuous piece demands.

There are slender opportunities; moments when Dora confuses the spectres who haunt her with the audience who once taunted her. Several front-row theatregoers are eyeballed and cajoled for having devoured her greatest performances like so much meat only to laugh her off the stage when she played Henrich von Kleist's tragic 19th-century heroine, Penthesilea. The audience, for the most part, look sleepy or confused. Perhaps we should be tittering at the prospect that Ugly Duckling TC really are going to put on *Penthesilea* here at the Gate in a matter of days. It's an irony wasted on all.

Unfortunately the real needlework of Wilcox's performance is lost in Reinshagen's attempts to pin Penthesilea's feminism to Dora's sudden desire to be an anti-romantic clown. When Wilcox opens a trunk and starts dressing up like Charlie Chaplin, the sense of indulgence hardens like cement boots. "Why don't you laugh, spectator?" she asks. "Doesn't it suit you?" she quizzes an unmoved punter. Obviously not. The distinct impression is that we should be shopping for our antidepressants elsewhere.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

MARILYN KINGWILL

Paula Wilcox as Dora, seeking solace in a beer can

Dangerous to know

EDINBURGH FRINGE

Nobody knew for sure what David Benson, whose solo show about Kenneth Williams was a hit last year, planned to offer as a sequel; but within the first moments of *Nothing But Pleasure* at the Assembly Rooms, it was clear he hoped to pre-empt an attack by the Edinburgh vigilantes. First, an elderly lady with a genteel Morningside accent came onstage to declare that he was a very nice boy who didn't want to offend anyone. And a little later he himself was telling us — via an anecdote about a bloody suicide and the friend who dared to wonder if the dead man had cashed the large cheque he had just given him — that humour helps us to cope with horror.

So what was his subject? Paedophilia, cannibalism, serial murder, genocide? No, something far touchier. He talked and wryly mimed his way through his memories of the death and funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales — and said the things many felt but, given the emotional fascism sweeping the nation at the time, few dared confess.

Were you troubled by the sight of the PM reading *Corinthians* so hammily you thought he might break into a tap-dance to the accompaniment of words by St Paul? Benson went further. He was put in mind of a bright new Hitler implicitly proclaiming "I am the new millennium", and was almost as repelled by the celeb swank around him: Pavarotti, "his face a mask of operatic grief"; Elton John, "a terrible old queen, singing this ghastly song in an American accent"; and, upstaging them all, "the entrance of the star herself, almost audibly saying 'Beat that, you old bat' to the Queen Mother from inside her coffin".

Benson displayed some sympathy for the Royal Family, "frozen in terror" as a wealthy, expatriate earl harangued them for being out of touch, and especially for Diana's sons. What would the younger have felt as he bravely followed a coffin with a handwritten "Mummy" on it if he had looked to the side and seen a sign reading "William and Harry: Please Cry"? Myself, I found Benson's show sensitive and liberating and, often, dangerously funny. At one point he asked if anyone in the audience had signed the Book of Remembrance. One had, in Belfast. Why? "The queue wasn't very long," she innocently replied.

Unleashed (Assembly Rooms) is the latest playand production by John Gober, bard of laddishness, and explains why some of us have trouble taking him either very seriously or very comically. It's Amsterdam, "where they deport you if you don'enjoy yourself". An exotically clad girl wiggles. Barkers promise lurid delights. And several Yorkshire businessmen behave in ways, joint ex and buggery included, that they will find hard to explain to themselves, let alone to the loved ones they occasionally reach on their mobile. A mildly poignant ending emphasises that Gober is selling up their insularity and blodding lechery; but it's still less funny and more depressing than he knows.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

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VISUAL ART: Richard Cork reviews a fine show of Robert Capa's photography

Genius who gave war a human face

When Robert Capa was killed by a landmine in Vietnam at the age of 40, European photography lost an outstandingly brave, humane and perceptive talent. Renowned for his readiness to expose himself to the hazards of war, Capa is associated above all with frontline images of conflict. But I never felt in his retrospective at the Photographers' Gallery that he revelled in danger or aggression. The governing impulse throughout the show is compassionate, forever responding to the plight of individuals caught up in the 20th century at its most murderous.

Capa was no stranger to political turmoil. In 1931 he had been exiled from his native Hungary for indulging in left-wing student protests. Only 18, he went to Berlin and enrolled at a school of journalism. But his parents were unable to support him for long, and he got a menial job at Dephot, a leading Berlin photo agency. It was a felicitous appointment: the agency's director, Simon Guttmann, encouraged his interest in using a camera. Within a year, Capa was sent to Copenhagen where he photographed Leon Trotsky delivering a speech to Danish students. Shooting from below, he captured the explosive energy of the Soviet leader with arms raised in exhortation.

But Capa found his metier only in 1936, after fleeing Berlin in the wake of Hitler's rise to power. His lover, a German refugee called Gerda Taro, encouraged him to take his work with a camera more seriously. And he changed his name from Endre Friedman to Robert Capa, imagining at first that he could fool magazine editors into believing that he was a glamorous American photographer. Quickly unmasked, he nevertheless insisted on retaining his assumed identity.

His feeling for the human loss engendered by war was announced, in July 1936, by a night scene of peace rally delegates commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Battle of Verdun. Ranged like statues behind white crosses in the military cemetery, the mourners seem transfixed by grief. Perhaps the sincerity of their remembrance left a permanent legacy in Capa's mind, for he never ignored the suffering of ordinary people in the hostilities he went on to witness.

His work attained a sudden, consistent maturity when he started covering the Spanish Civil War. Using a 35mm Leica, to ensure that he moved around with maximum ease and lack of conspicuousness, he defined the mood of civilians and militia with equal force. In Bilbao and Barcelona, he conveyed the panic of pedestrians running away from an air raid or staring up, apprehensively, at a battle fought in the sky.

During the winter of 1936-37, his lens closed on a woman's face, half-hidden by a scarf. Her eyes are shut, as if in prophetic mourning for a city that eventually capitulated to Franco two years later. She seems utterly alone, and this sense of isolation also contributes to the desolating impact of Capa's most celebrated image. In September 1936, he caught the death of a Loyalist militiaman on the Cordoba front. Falling backwards and sideways, the man flings out his right arm as if to cast aside the rifle slipping from his fingers. He has no further use for his weapon, and the emptiness of the land and sky beyond reinforces the solitude of the soldier's terminal moments.

The shock generated by such a picture, at a time when war was still generally viewed from a dignified distance, would be hard to exaggerate. Capa's battle photographs pushed viewers up against the reality of death. He made them feel part of the struggle, and the blurring of figures in chaotic action only emphasised the strain involved.

There were instances, amid the terror, when Capa was able to concentrate on the survival of tenderness. Near Cerro Muriano in 1936, he discovered a frightened boy pressing against his mother's breasts for comfort as they rode a horse along a sun-blinding street. He also trained his camera on a distraught man in Teruel, carrying a child whose bandaged, blood-oozing leg is clearly in need of the swift, expert attention that cannot be found.

On the whole, though, Capa's determination never to sanitise war led him towards the most gruelling subjects. Nothing could be more savage than his photograph of a dead Loyalist soldier, killed in a tree while stringing telephone lines on the Aragon front in December 1937. With mouth agape and eyes apparently still gazing at the sky, he seems horribly alive. And the branches erupting from his body look as merciless as the arrows piercing St Sebastian's flesh in a Renaissance altarpiece.

By this time, Gerda Taro had been crushed to death by a Spanish Government tank during a retreat near Madrid. Capa had intended to marry her, and he never properly recovered from the trauma of his loss. If anything, however, the experience intensified the depth of fellow-feeling in his own work. On a subsequent assignment to China, soon after Japan invaded the country and bombed its cities relentlessly, he exposed the full emotional cost of destruction's aftermath.

In view of his prowess as a war photographer, Capa's difficulty in obtaining a battlefront commission during the Second World War seems hard to comprehend. But he was sent to the front line only in 1943, and produced some of his most moving images during the Allied conquest of Sicily. Here, in a tender photograph of an American medical orderly treating a captured German soldier, Capa's fundamental compassion overrode his undoubted hatred of Fascism. Scarred and smeared with bleeding facial injuries, the prisoner looks stoical as he submits to the medic's attentions. The American smiles as he reaches forward in a gesture strangely akin to an embrace, and the German responds by closing his eyes with relief.

If a darkroom blunder had not spoilt most of Capa's D-Day landing negatives, they might have proved his masterpieces. Even so, one blurred shot of American troops landing on the Normandy coast transmits the lethal anxiety and resolve of the invasion moment. Capa's willingness to accompany the first wave of soldiers as they moved in just before dawn, with bullets gouging the water all around him, testifies to a courage verging on recklessness. It eventually ended his own life, as he accompanied a French convoy on a Red River Delta mission in May, 1954. But without that eagerness to expose himself, and undergo the perils experienced by soldiers and refugees alike, Capa would never have been able to distil the tragedy of human conflict with the urgency at his command.

● *Robert Capa at the Photographers' Gallery, 5 & 8 Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-831 1772) until Sept 12*

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Every picture told a story: Robert Capa's photograph of off-duty women ambulance drivers near Cassino in 1943-44

AROUND THE GALLERIES

I NEVER associated the celebs of light entertainment with leafy glades and still waters — at least not until I went to the opening night of Cassie Winters's show. But Winters, a former *Vogue* model and furniture designer who in recent years has returned to the painting in which she was originally trained, now exhibits a series of tranquil rural watercolours at the Albemarle.

Perhaps it is her name that makes her prefer leafless trees, or maybe it's because the stark boughs cut such striking forms, or possibly it is simply that bare limbs are easier to paint, but Winters tends towards the muted tones of a winter season, to stony waters and sombre moss and ashen shadows on the snow. Where she broadens her palette, iridescent reflections shimmer across streams, diving birds awake glittering ripples in creeper-shrouded lagoons.

But if the mood of her meticulous landscapes is sometimes subdued, she unleashes a new boldness in still life, with brazen red apples, blushing rhododendrons and rich clusters of purple grapes, their colours all the brighter against a delicate backdrop of white lace. Winters has an uncomplicated vision which is easy to enjoy.
Albemarle Gallery, London W1 (0171-499 1616) until Sat

☐ WINNER of the BP Travel Award, **Akash Bhatt** captures the flavour of Fiji, but not the Pacific paradise of popular cliché. Bhatt is interested instead in making a serious study of the way in which Polynesian culture blends with that of immigrant Asian Indians. Suit meets sarong in strong, almost primitive portraits.

Figures, like totemic carvings, crouch, stand or slump, dark faces staring with a confrontational intensity. Rich earth pigments bind with bold traditional patterns and strong man-made tones. This show has an entrancing, almost atavistic atmosphere, yet also a strong modern mood.
National Portrait Gallery, WC2 (0171-306 0055) until Sept 27

☐ PRIVATE art collections are often oddities — held together by a prevailing interest, but peppered with idiosyncratic tastes. The Mag Collection does not disappoint. Started by an enthusiast, Paul Wilson, in the early 1990s, it draws together a group of mainly British contemporary artists, bound loosely by an interest in photography but with elements of painting or sculpture sprinkled in.

There are plenty of mainstream pieces: a disconcerting Helen Chadwick photograph setting raw meat against gold satin, Andy Goldsworthy's fragile record of ice in Derwent Water, or the beguiling intricacies of Cathy de Monchaux. Together the works create a mood not of fashionable modern shock but of thoughtfulness and intrigue. Perhaps this reflects the fact that the collection is predominantly of women artists.
Towner Art Gallery and Museum, Eastbourne (01323 417961) until Oct 11

RACHEL CAMPBELL JOHNSTON

RECOMMENDED TODAY

Guide to arts and entertainment compiled by James Christopher

LONDON

BBC PROMS: Conductor Leonard Slatkin continues the Elgar cycle with Symphony No 2 with the Philharmonia, adding a celebratory work of his own, *Housewarming*, composed for the reopening of the National Symphony Orchestra's Washington home. Evelyn Glennie, one of the Proms' most popular soloists, performs Joseph Schwantner's *Percussion Concerto* with a huge battery of instruments. Albert Hall (0171-589 8212) Tonight, 7.30pm.

LA TRAVIATA: English Festival Opera stages Verdi's three-act masterpiece about the consumptive courtesan who is forced to abandon her lover and prospective saviour. Sung in Italian. Sarah Alexander directs, Simon Gray conducts. Holland Park (0171-602 7856). Tonight, 7.30pm.

BERLING REVELRY: Ann Hampton Callaway, a seasoned cabaret star, and her sister Liz Callaway, a leading Broadway singer, launch a season of Divas at the Donmar with their jazz musical revue. Donmar, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Tonight, 8pm.

SIMPLY RED/FUN LOVIN' CRIMINALS: Simply Red's Mick Hucknall, one of New Labour's favourite frontmen, and the swaggeringly fashionable Fun Lovin' Criminals play the Pepsi Chart Show. Hanover Grand, W1 (0171-499 7977). Tonight, 8.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

ALDEBURGH: Fifteen Cuban musicians, spanning four generations, come together as the Afro-Cuban All Stars to perform latin a repertoire of Cuban classics. Snape Maltings Concert Hall (01728 453543). Tonight, 7.30pm.

Simon Callow rings Chimes at Midnight in Chichester

CHICHESTER: Simon Callow plays Falstaff in Chimes at Midnight, the stage version of the *Henry IV* and *Henry V* plays adapted by Orson Welles. With Keith Bacter, Tam Williams, and Sarah Badel. Festival Theatre (01243 781312). Opens tonight, 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH: Notable Fringe Festival openings tonight include the Grassmarket Project's Soldiers, where genuine combat veterans explore what happens to a man when he kills (8pm), and Liz Lochhead's new romantic comedy, Perfect Days, with Siobhan Redmond (7pm). Both the above at the Traverse (0131-228 1404). Johnny Vegas, the charismatic, overweight potter with love problems, is Selling Out at the Gilded Balloon (10.45pm; 0131-226 2151). No-one should dismiss this unique comedian lightly.

NEW WEST END SHOWS

Jeremy Kingston's choice of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only ◪ Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **THE CLOWNESS:** Paula Wilcox plays an ex-star, who barricades herself in a hostel to relive incidents in her life as actress, lover, mother and daughter. By Gerlind Reinshagen. See review, facing page. Gate Theatre, W11 (0171-229 0706).

☐ **LOOT:** Joe Orton's celebrated black farce transfers from Chichester after sell-out houses. With Fred Ridgeway and Tracy-Ann Oberman. David Grindy directs. Vaudeville, WC2 (0171-836 9987).

☐ **SEA URCHINS:** Andrew Macdon's powerful play about sexual fear and queerbashing in an Irish seaside town. A smash hit at Dublin's Abbey Theatre and soon due as a Canal Back move. Bence at the Latchmere, SW11 (0171-223 3549). Until August 28.

☐ **CLOSER THAN EVER:** The satirical Richard Maltby/David Shire musical, set in a New York subway train. Cast includes Helen Hobson and Beverley Klein. Jermyn Street, SW1 (0171-287 2875).

☐ **AFTER DARWIN:** Timberlake Wertenbaker's excellent play, casting light on moralities old and new. Lindsay Posner directs Jason Watkins as Darwin and Michael Feast as Captain Fitzroy of the *Beagle*. Hampstead Theatre (0171-722 9301)

■ **OKLAHOMA!** The well-known musical stars Josefina Gabrielle, Hugh Jackman and Maureen Lipman as Aunt Eller. Trevor Nunn directs. National Theatre (Olivier), SE1 (0171-452 3000). Until October 3. ◪

◪ **SUGAR SUGAR:** Simon Bent's new Scarborough sex drama, short on plot but bursting with character. Bush, W12 (0181-743 3388)

◪ **WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND:** Lloyd-Webber's new musical, relocated to America's Bible Belt, divided the critics but audiences are happy. Stars Marcus Lovett and Lottie Meyer. Gale Edwards directs. Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003).

☐ **DOCTOR DOLITTLE:** Phillip Schofield plays the man who can talk to animals (including pushmipullyus) in the Leslie Bricusse musical. Steven Pimlott directs.

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the best movies

NEW RELEASES

THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD (U): Errol Flynn leaps through Sherwood Forest in Hollywood's evergreen swashbuckler of 1938. With Olivia de Havilland, Basil Rathbone, and Claude Rains.

ARMAGEDDON (12): Oil driller Bruce Willis and his roughneck crew strike out into space to save the world. Absurdly childish, and enjoyable, blockbuster. With Billy Bob Thornton, Ben Affleck, and Liv Tyler. Director, Michael Bay.

TO HAVE & TO HOLD (18): Obsessive love in Papua New Guinea. Melodramatic tale sold with lashings of high style and serious intent. With Tcheky Karyo and Rachel Griffiths. Director, John Hillcoat.

THE TRAVELLER (no certificate): Young Iranian football fan sets off for the season's big match. British premiere of Iranian master Abbas Kiarostami's typically observant first feature, made in 1974.

ZERO EFFECT (15): Off-beat, overly artificial detective thriller, with Bill Pullman as an eccentric private eye pursuing a blackmailing case. With Ben Stiller, Kim Dickens, and Ryan O'Neal. Director, Jake Kasdan.

CURRENT

DOCTOR DOLITTLE (PG): Doctor Eddie Murphy finds a new lease of life talking to the animals. Rude family comedy, a long way from Hugh Lofting's stories.

LOST IN SPACE (PG): Adventures in space with the Robinson family. Mixed sci-fi blockbuster from the comp TV series of the 1960s, with William Hurt and Gary Oldman.

PSYCHO (15): Janet Leigh checks into the Bates Motel, but does she check out? Re-release of Hitchcock's audacious thriller, still frightening after shower-goers after 38 years.

THE CASTLE (15): Disarming, off-beat Australian comedy about a family fighting the compulsory purchase of their house.

THE GINGERBREAD MAN (15): Successful Savannah lawyer Kenneth Branagh is lured into trouble by a femme fatale (Embeth Davidtz). Atmospheric treatment of a John Grisham story by director Robert Altman.

GODZILLA (PG): How, one wonders, do the authorities keep misplacing a six-storey high mutant lizard trashing Manhattan? Jean Reno stars.

THEATRES

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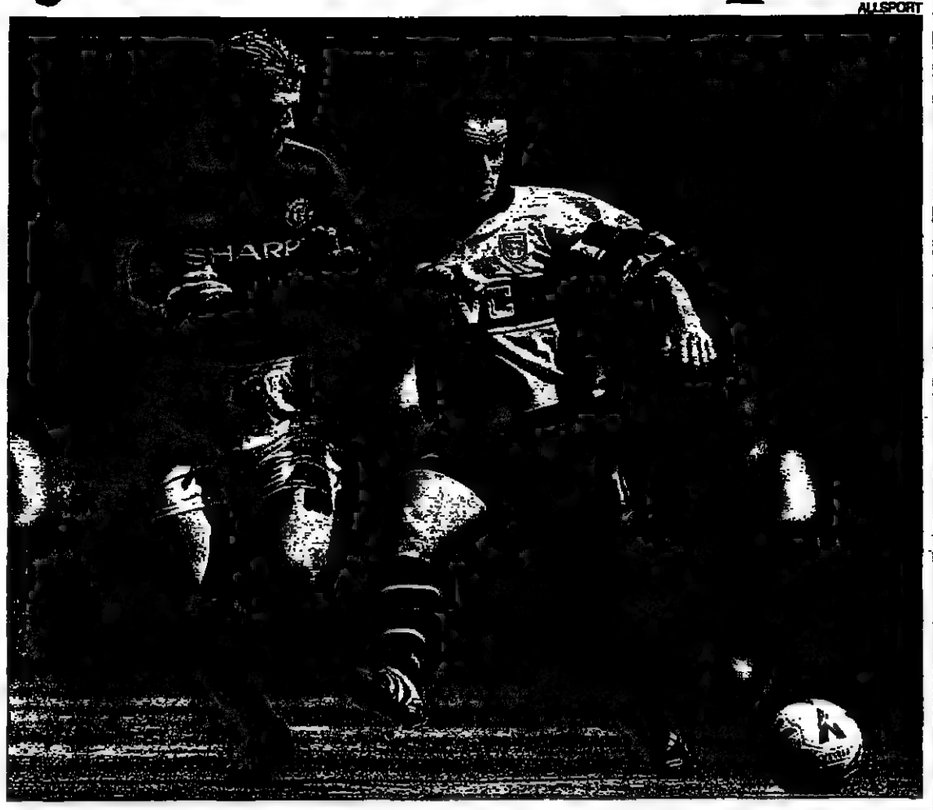

ALLSPORT

In a remarkable transfer coup, *The Times* has teamed up with Fantasy League, the orginal fantasy football game, to give you the chance to pick your team from the cream of the Premiership. To win the top prize of £50,000 plus a trip to the European Cup final, simply pick 11 players from the list — only ONE from each Premiership club. If you enter your team by August 15, when the Premiership starts, you have the chance to win £1,000 in the August Warm-up game.

THE GAME
You have a total budget of £50 million to spend — and remember you can only choose one player per club. Your team must be in a 4-4-2 formation, ie:
- one goalkeeper
- two full backs
- two centre backs
- four midfielders
- and two forwards

If you feel like taking a chance, you can ask Fantasy League to choose a team at random for you. Simply tick the Lucky Dip box on the entry form.

THE SCORING
The system is easy:
A goal scored: 3 points
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Goalkeeper or defender's appearance (for 45 minutes or more): 1 point
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ENTERING
You can enter by post or telephone. Read the instructions below carefully then either call

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SUPER LEAGUES
If you and some friends or colleagues want to get together and form a league, this is a brilliant way to play the game in an office, school, pub or sports club. A minimum of five teams can form a league, and the chairman must send in the entry forms together. All teams entered into a Super League will automatically be entered into the main Fantasy League. You will be posted a detailed monthly report showing how you are all doing.

THE START
You can enter Fantasy League at any time from now until noon on Tuesday, September 8 to qualify for the main game and the Youth League for entrants under 18. All valid entries received by noon on August 15 will qualify for the August Warm-up game played from that date until August 30. This enables you to assess form and, perhaps, win the £1,000 prize. Points scored during the Warm-up do not count towards the main game. You cannot change your Warm-up team. On September 8 all points will be reset to zero.

TRANSFERS
You will only be allowed to use 12 transfers in the season. Full details of *how to transfer will be published* in due course. From August 30 until noon on September 8 you can make as many phone transfers as you like. These will not affect your season-long allocation of 12.

Terms and conditions were published on Monday. For a copy send a SAE to: Fantasy League, Competitions Dept, Level 4, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9DB.

PRIZES

- £50,000 to the manager of the Fantasy League team with the most points at the end of the season. Plus a trip for two to the European Cup final
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- £1,000 youth prize: there is also a separate manager of the season Youth League prize of £1,000, plus monthly prizes of a Premiership football shirt
- £1,000 August Warm-up prize plus £100 of Puma sports equipment to the manager whose team wins the early season game
- £10,000 additional cash prizes will be announced later in the season

PUMA

DAVID UNSWORTH
The Fantasy League list recently had David Unsworth (code no 323) as an Aston Villa player worth £3.5 million. He should be listed as Everton, worth £3.1m.

THE TIMES MAIN FANTASY LEAGUE ENTRY FORM

Entries received by first post on Saturday, August 15 qualify for the £1,000 Warm-up game and Main game. The Main game deadline is first post Tuesday, September 8

FANTASY TEAM NAME (up to 16 characters)

CODE	GOALKEEPER NAME	CLUB	VALUE
			£ m
CODE	FULL-BACK NAME	CLUB	VALUE
			£ m
CODE	FULL-BACK NAME	CLUB	VALUE
			£ m
CODE	CENTRE-BACK NAME	CLUB	VALUE
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CODE	CENTRE-BACK NAME	CLUB	VALUE
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			£ m
CODE	FORWARD NAME	CLUB	VALUE
			£ m

MAXIMUM OF ONE PLAYER PER PREMIERSHIP TEAM — TOTAL VALUE (MAX £50m) £

I also wish to enter the Youth League. I will be under 18 on August 15, 1998 (please tick) ☐ Date of birth ☐☐ ☐☐ ☐☐

Lucky Dip If you would like us to select a team at random for you, tick box ☐

First Name ..... Surname .....

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HOW TO ENTER YOUR FANTASY LEAGUE TEAM

Select a team of 11 premiership players from those listed right. The total value of your team must not exceed £50m and you cannot choose more than one player from the same premiership club. Your team must be in a 4-4-2 formation with: one goalkeeper; two full-backs; two centre-backs; four midfielders; and two forwards.

TO ENTER BY POST Name your team on the entry form, left, in no more than 16 characters. Enter the correct three-digit player codes from the list, right, followed by the players' names. Enter the first three characters of each player's team under the heading CLUB, ie, LEE for Leeds. Also enter the value of each player shown on the list right. Add up the values of the 11 players in your fantasy team and make sure the total value of your team is not more than £50m. Send your entry to the address shown, with a cheque/PO for £2.50 (£10 sterling outside UK or RoI) or your credit-card details, to arrive by first post on Saturday, August 15, 1998, for the chance to win the £1,000 prize in our August Warm-up game. Confirmation of your team and your personal identity number (PIN) will be sent to you upon receipt of your entry form. Readers under 18 should seek parental permission before entering. They must state their date of birth and indicate if they wish to enter our Youth League.

TO ENTER BY PHONE Call 0640 67 88 99 (+44 870 901 4209 outside the UK) using a touch-tone (DTMF) phone and when prompted tap in your 11 three-digit player codes. You will be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters). You will then be given a 10-digit PIN, make sure you write this down and keep it safe to be able to check your team's progress and make transfers. Calls last about seven minutes. 0640 calls are 60p per minute. Calls from outside the UK are charged at national rates. Calls from payphones cost approximately double.

LUCKY DIP If you would like us to select a team at random for you, please tick the Lucky Dip box on the entry form. Postal entries only.

TO FORM A SUPER LEAGUE You need at least five teams to form a Super League. The chairman must complete the form below and submit it with a valid fantasy league entry form for each team in the Super League, enclosing an entry fee of £5 per team (£10 sterling outside the UK or RoI) or credit-card details. Super League entries cannot be made by phone. The chairman will receive a monthly report on the league's progress

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THE TIMES SUPER LEAGUE ENTRY FORM

ONLY complete this form if you are entering five or more teams to form a Super League. This form is to be completed by the Super League chairman only

YOUR SUPER LEAGUE TITLE (up to 16 characters)

Total number of managers in your Super League ☐ (minimum five, there is no maximum)

DETAILS OF THE SUPER LEAGUE CHAIRMAN

First Name ..... Surname .....

Address .....

Postcode ..... Daytime tel .....

I enclose a cheque/PO, made payable to: Times Newspapers Ltd for £ ..... £5 for each team in your Super League which includes your £2.50 entry fee for the main league (£10 sterling for each team for entrants outside the UK or RoI)

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Send this form with a Fantasy League entry form for each manager in your Super League, including the chairman, with payment in ONE envelope to: The Times Fantasy League, Abacus House, Dudley St, Luton, Beds LU1 1ZZ

CHOOSE YOUR PLAYERS FROM HERE

*Columns show: player code, name, club, points 97-98, valuation (£m). * means no longer in Premiership*

GOALKEEPERS

102	David Seaman	ARS	28	3.7
146	Alex Manninger	ARS	15	3.4
139	Mark Bosnich	AST	13	3.2
140	Michael Oakes	AST	-5	2.9
108	John Filan	BLA	10	2.8
127	Tim Flowers	BLA	16	3.1
104	Sean Bc	CHA	-	2.3
105	Mike Salmon	CHA	-	2.2
137	Dmitri Kharine	CHE	-1	2.9
138	Ed De Goey	CHE	24	3.2
107	Steve Ogrizovic	COV	6	2.4
117	Magnus Hedman	COV	16	2.6
103	Russell Hoult	DER	0	2.3
153	Mart Poom	DER	17	2.5
112	Paul Gerrard	EVE	-4	2.4
118	Thomas Myhre	EVE	1	2.6
113	Nigel Martyn	LEE	17	3.1
115	Mark Beeney	LEE	-1	2.8
123	Kasey Keller	LEI	26	2.9
124	Peggy Arphexad	LEI	1	2.8
122	Brad Friedel	LIV	-1	3.3
131	David James	LIV	23	3.3
116	Peter Schmeichel	MAN	46	4.0
121	Raimond Van Der Gouw	MAN	9	3.5
109	Mark Schwarzer	MID	-	2.7
110	Ben Roberts	MID	-	2.4
141	Shay Given	NEW	11	3.0
142	Lionel Perez	NEW	-	2.7
119	Dave Beasant	NOT	-	2.7
120	Mark Crossley	NOT	-	2.6
136	Kevin Pressman	SHE	-11	2.5
149	Matt Clarke	SHE	-4	2.2
147	Neil Moss	SOU	0	2.2
148	Paul Jones	SOU	3	2.4
128	Ian Walker	TOT	-4	2.8
155	Espen Baardsen	TOT	5	2.6
129	Craig Forrest	WES	10	2.5
130	Shaka Hislop	WES	3	2.7
133	Ludek Miklosko	WES	-10	2.4
132	Neil Sullivan	WIM	20	2.5
135	Paul Heald	WIM	0	2.3

FULL BACKS

203	Raul Garde	ARS	5	3.5
204	Lee Dixon	ARS	28	4.1
205	Nigel Winterburn	ARS	50	4.2
260	David Grodin	ARS	-	3.4
261	Nelson Vivas	ARS	-	3.7
201	Gary Charles	AST	8	3.4
209	Alan Wright	AST	19	3.7
211	Gary Croft	BLA	11	3.2
248	Callum Davidson	BLA	-3	3.1
262	Jeff Kenna	BLA	18	3.5
221	Chris Powell	CHA	19	2.7
240	Danny Mills	CHA	-	2.6
241	Mark Bowen	CHA	-	2.7
242	Steve Brown	CHA	-	2.6
243	Anthony Barness	CHA	-	2.5
210	Alberto Ferrer	CHE	-	3.7
212	Graeme Le Saux	CHE	22	4.0
215	Celestine Babayaro	CHE	12	3.5
216	Frank Sinclair	CHE	20	3.3
218	Steve Clarke	CHE	23	3.3
217	Marcus Hall	COV	12	2.7
219	Roland Nilsson	COV	25	2.9
281	David Burrows	COV	24	2.9
245	Robert Jenni	COV	-	3.2
247	Ian Brightwell	COV	-	2.6
220	Robert Kozluk	DER	-5	2.6
222	Gary Rowett	DER	28	3.0
223	Stefan Schnoor	DER	-	2.8
249	John O'Kane	EVE	7	2.9
256	Tony Thomas	EVE	4	2.7
268	Michael Hall	EVE	-1	2.8
271	Alex Cleland	EVE	-	2.9
272	Terry Phelan	EVE	0	2.8
286	Mitch Ward	EVE	3	3.0
214	Danny Granville	LEE	6	3.5
224	Ian Harte	LEE	10	3.4
225	David Robertson	LEE	18	3.3
226	Gary Kelly	LEE	28	3.9
227	Lee Sharpe	LEE	0	3.6
235	Robert Ullathorne	LEI	-1	3.0
237	Robbie Savage	LEI	12	3.3
238	Steve Guppy	LEI	30	3.6
228	Jason McAteer	LIV	31	4.2
229	Steve Harkness	LIV	23	3.8
230	Rob Jones	LIV	-3	3.6
232	Stig Inge Bjornebye	LIV	23	3.8
250	Vegard Heggem	LIV	-	3.9
236	Denis Irwin	MAN	38	4.3
283	John Curtis	MAN	4	3.5
284	Philip Neville	MAN	44	4.3
285	Gary Neville	MAN	50	4.5
252	Curtis Fleming	MID	-	3.0
253	Vladimir Kinder	MID	-	3.0
254	Craig Harrison	MID	-	2.6
255	Dean Gordon	MID	-4	3.2
259	Gustavo Lombardi	MID	-	2.9
246	Andy Griffin	NEW	1	3.2
273	Steve Watson	NEW	18	3.4
274	Warren Barton	NEW	11	3.4
276	Laurent Charvet	NEW	9	3.3
280	Carl Serrant	NEW	-	3.2
281	Alessandro Pistone	NEW	14	3.5
290	Des Lyttle	NOT	-	2.9
291	Alan Rogers	NOT	-	3.0
292	Thierry Bonalair	NOT	-	3.1
202	Earl Barrett	SHE	2	2.8
268	Andy Hinchcliffe	SHE	9	3.2
279	Ian Nolan	SHE	-7	2.8
239	John Beresford	SOU	9	2.8
257	Lee Todd*		-8	2.5
263	Jason Dodd	SOU	17	2.8
251	Clive Wilson	TOT	4	3.0
264	Stephen Carr	TOT	8	3.1
265	Paolo Tramezzani	TOT	-	3.2
270	Justin Edinburgh	TOT	-7	2.9
206	Steve Potts	WBA	6	3.0
208	Tim Breacker	WES	-2	2.9
233	Stan Lazaridis	WES	18	3.2
234	Andy Impey	WES	2	3.1
275	Duncan Jupp	WIM	1	2.6
277	Ben Thatcher	WIM	16	2.9
278	Alan Kimble	WIM	18	2.9
282	Kenny Cunningham	WIM	20	3.0

CENTRE BACKS

305	Steve Bould	ARS	18	3.8
307	Tony Adams	ARS	51	4.4
322	Martin Keown	ARS	24	4.1
337	Gilles Grimandi	ARS	18	3.6
347	Matthew Upson	ARS	5	3.4
301	Ugo Ehiogu	AST	16	3.7
303	Gareth Southgate	AST	10	3.6
304	Riccardo Scimeca	AST	0	3.3
310	Colin Hendry*		18	3.5
353	Sebastien Perez	BLA	-	3.3
354	Darren Peacock	BLA	4	3.3
355	Stephane Henchoz	BLA	18	3.4
308	Richard Rufus	CHA	-	2.7
309	Eddie Youds	CHA	-	2.6
316	Phil Chapple	CHA	-	2.5
318	Stuart Balmer	CHA	-	2.5
356	Bernard Lambourde	CHE	-2	3.4
365	Marcel Desailly	CHE	-	3.8
366	Michael Duberry	CHE	18	3.5
370	Andy Myers	CHE	8	3.3
381	Frank Leboeuf	CHE	44	4.2
357	Gary Breen	COV	19	3.0
379	Jean-Guy Wallemme	COV	-	3.0
384	Paul Williams	COV	-1	2.9
387	Richard Shaw	COV	13	2.8
388	Liam Daish	COV	0	2.8
311	Jacob Laursen	DER	11	2.9
312	Igor Stimac	DER	15	3.0
313	Rory Delap	DER	12	2.7
314	Horacio Angel Carbonari	DER	-	3.1
326	Christian Dailly	DER	5	3.0
306	Steven Ellis	EVE	-2	3.1
323	David Unsworth	EVE	10	3.1
324	Dave Watson	EVE	0	2.9
325	Carl Tiler	EVE	15	3.0
327	Craig Short	EVE	8	2.9
328	Marco Materazzi	EVE	-	3.0
330	Lucas Radebe	LEE	15	3.5
331	Martin Hiden	LEE	1	3.4
380	David Wetherall	LEE	26	3.6
398	Robert Molenaar	LEE	14	3.4
334	Gerry Taggart	LEI	4	3.2
335	Pontus Kaamark	LEI	34	3.3
336	Steve Walsh	LEI	30	3.3
338	Matt Elliott	LEI	53	3.9
389	Spencer Prior	LEI	24	3.1
302	Steve Staunton	LIV	17	4.1
320	Phil Babb	LIV	12	3.7
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375	Dominic Matteo	LIV	16	3.6
399	Bjorn Tore Kvarme	LIV	20	3.5
321	Henning Berg	MAN	30	3.9
368	David May	MAN	9	3.9
382	Jaap Stam	MAN	-	4.6
383	Ronny Johnsen	MAN	33	4.1
339	Gary Pallister	MID	39	3.2
343	Gianluca Festa	MID	-	3.1
344	Steve Vickers	MID	-	3.0
340	Stuart Pearce	NEW	12	3.2
341	Steve Howey	NEW	9	3.3
342	Nicos Dabizas	NEW	5	3.4
361	Philippe Albert	NEW	17	3.5
350	Colin Cooper	NOT	-	3.2
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358	Peter Atherton	SHE	11	2.9
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360	Dan Walker	SHE	-11	2.8
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386	Richard Dryden	SOU	2	2.5
391	Claus Lundekvam	SOU	1	2.6
394	Scott Marshall	SOU	2	2.7
346	Colin Calderwood	TOT	7	3.1
373	John Scales	TOT	-3	3.0
378	Sol Campbell	TOT	7	3.3
396	Ramon Vega	TOT	14	3.4
315	Julian Dicks	WES	0	3.3
319	Ian Pearce	WES	4	3.1
363	Richard Hall	WES	0	2.9
367	Javier Margas	WES	-	3.2
369	Neil Ruddock	WES	-1	3.0
393	Rio Ferdinand	WES	0	3.2
372	Chris Perry	WIM	23	3.1
390	Brian McAllister	WIM	-6	2.8
392	Dean Blackwell	WIM	22	2.9

MIDFIELDERS

405	Emmanuel Petit	ARS	22	4.4
406	Marc Overmars	ARS	44	5.6
416	Ray Parlour	ARS	21	4.0
420	Patrick Vieira	ARS	16	4.1
425	Stephen Hughes	ARS	8	3.5
407	Mark Draper	AST	21	3.7
409	Simon Grayson	AST	4	3.3
410	Alan Thompson	AST	41	4.5
411	Fabio Ferraresi	AST	-	3.6
413	Lee Hendrie	AST	13	3.7
535	Ian Taylor	AST	24	3.8
415	Billy McKinlay	BLA	0	3.2
417	Jason Wilcox	BLA	20	4.0
419	Damien Duff	BLA	20	4.2
421	Henry Corbett	BLA	-	3.3
422	Tim Sherwood	BLA	21	4.1
575	Garry Flitcroft	BLA	10	3.3
501	Keith Jones	CHA	-	3.1
502	Mark Kinsella	CHA	-	3.5
504	Matt Holmes	CHA	-	3.2
505	Shaun Newton	CHA	-	3.3
506	John Robinson	CHA	-	3.2
507	Neil Redfearn	CHA	38	4.1
401	Mark Nicholls	CHE	11	3.3
404	Paul Hughes	CHE	4	3.1
429	Jody Morris	CHE	5	3.2
430	Roberto Di Matteo	CHE	26	4.4
434	Dan Petrescu	CHE	27	4.3
435	Eddie Newton	CHE	0	3.1
437	Gustavo Poyet	CHE	22	4.9
438	Brian Laudrup	CHE	-	5.8
439	Dennis Wise	CHE	17	3.8
465	Gary McAllister	COV	2	3.9
589	Paul Hall	COV	-	3.8
590	Paul Telfer	COV	19	3.5
591	Noel Whelan	COV	20	4.4
592	Trond Egil Soltvedt	COV	11	3.4
593	Willo Boland	COV	2	3.0
594	George Boateng	COV	3	3.3
595	Philippe Clement	COV	-	3.5
596	Gavin Strachan	COV	0	3.1
440	Darryl Powell	DER	0	3.2
442	Stefano Eranio	DER	19	3.8
443	Lee Carsley	DER	3	3.1
444	Francesco Baiano	DER	52	5.2
446	Jonathan Hunt	DER	5	3.4
479	Lars Boldsen	DER	14	3.6
403	Gareth Farrelly	EVE	5	3.2
414	Tony Grant	EVE	5	3.1
418	Danny Williamson	EVE	0	3.2
447	John Oster	EVE	5	3.4
448	Nick Barmby	EVE	22	4.8
449	Oliver Dacourt	EVE	-	3.6
450	John Collins	EVE	-	4.6
570	Don Hutchison	EVE	3	4.0
459	Harry Kewell	LEE	21	4.4
466	Lee Bowyer	LEE	19	3.9
480	Alf Inge Haaland	LEE	21	3.6
481	Bruno Ribeiro	LEE	19	3.8
482	Gunnar Halle	LEE	6	3.3
522	David Hopkin	LEE	7	3.7
452	Neil Lennon	LEI	17	3.5
454	Garry Parker	LEI	13	3.6
460	Muzzy Izzet	LEI	26	3.8
585	Theo Zagorakis	LEI	5	3.4
412	Jamie Carragher	LIV	0	3.3
467	Jamie Redknapp	LIV	35	4.2
468	Steve McManaman	LIV	51	5.5
469	Patrik Berger	LIV	11	4.4
487	Danny Murphy	LIV	14	3.7
490	Paul Ince	LIV	36	4.5
529	Oyvind Leonhardsen	LIV	26	4.3
483	Jesper Blomqvist	MAN	-	5.0
484	Ricky Butt	MAN	15	4.1
485	Ryan Giggs	MAN	46	5.8
486	Paul Scholes	MAN	34	5.5
492	David Beckham	MAN	61	5.9
509	Roy Keane	MAN	6	4.4
510	Neil Maddison	MID	3	3.1
511	Andy Townsend	MID	-	3.6
512	Robbie Slaughter	MID	-	3.4
514	Paul Gascoigne	MID	-	4.5
515	Paul Merson	MID	-	4.7
461	Torgeir Yorsalle	NEW	-	3.9
462	David Batty	NEW	5	3.7
463	Stephen Glass	NEW	-	3.5
464	Gary Speed	NEW	28	4.3
473	John Barnes	NEW	20	3.6
489	Keith Gillespie	NEW	22	4.3
493	Barry Brady	NEW	-	3.3
494	Dan Hamilton	NEW	2	3.3
496	Temuri Ketsbaia	NEW	17	3.8
498	Robert Lee	NEW	18	4.2
497	Dietmar Hamann	NEW	-	3.9
520	Chris Bart-Williams	NOT	-	3.6
521	Scott Gemmill	NOT	-	3.5
524	Geoff Thomas	NOT	-	3.5
525	Andy Johnson	NOT	-	3.7
526	Steve Stone	NOT	-	4.0
527	Ian Wood	NOT	-	3.8
537	Niclas Alexandersson	SHE	0	3.5
538	Petter Rudi	SHE	2	3.6
539	Guy Whittingham	SHE	20	3.7
540	Graham Hyde	SHE	5	3.1
548	Jim Magilton	SHE	5	3.1
582	Benito Carbone	SHE	39	4.7
597	Emerson Thome	SHE	0	3.2
547	Wim Jonk	SHE	-	4.3
500	Stuart Ripley	SOU	26	3.9
536	Claiton Palmer	SOU	15	3.2
541	David Howells	SOU	0	3.2
542	Matthew Le Tissier	SOU	51	6.0
557	Matthew Oakley	SOU	7	3.1
498	David Ginola	TOT	36	4.8
503	Ruel Fox	TOT	28	4.1
523	Andy Sinton	TOT	10	3.4
551	Stephen Clemence	TOT	2	3.2
553	Allan Nielsen	TOT	15	3.7
554	Jose Dominguez	TOT	8	3.5
555	Darren Anderton	TOT	2	4.8
564	Nicola Berti	TOT	15	3.7
568	Moussa Saib	TOT	5	3.6
436	John Moncur	WES	5	3.4
561	Eyal Berkovic	WES	45	4.8
576	Trevor Sinclair	WES	23	5.1
577	Steve Lomas	WES	14	3.3
578	Frank Lampard	WES	21	3.7
579	Marc Keller	WES	-	3.9
471	Mark Kennedy	WIM	2	3.8
559	Robbie Earle	WIM	13	4.1
560	Andy Roberts	WIM	7	3.3
563	Neil Ardley	WIM	10	3.4
580	Michael Hughes	WIM	20	3.5
586	Carl Hughes	WIM	5	3.3
587	Peter Fear	WIM	6	3.0

FORWARDS

601	Luis Boa Morte	ARS	0	5.4
602	Nicolas Anelka	ARS	30	8.0
606	Dennis Bergkamp	ARS	72	9.1
623	Christopher Wreh	ARS	11	5.8
645	Dwight Yorke	AST	40	8.3
646	Julian Joachim	AST	34	6.2
652	Stan Collymore	AST	30	8.0
647	Chris Sutton	BLA	70	8.4
691	Martin Dahlin	BLA	14	6.4
693	Kevin Gallacher	BLA	58	7.5
698	Kevin Davies	BLA	35	7.4
604	Clive Mendonca	CHA	-	6.5
605	Mark Bright	CHA	-	5.6
607	Steve Jones	CHA	-	5.0
608	Andy Hunt	CHA	-	5.5
636	Pierluigi Casiraghi	CHE	-	7.6
637	Tore Andre Flo	CHE	43	7.2
639	Gianluca Vialli	CHE	45	9.6
679	Gianfranco Zola	CHE	38	7.4
680	Darren Huckerby	COV	50	7.7
683	Dion Dublin	COV	74	7.9
612	Dean Sturridge	DER	37	6.6
625	Deon Burton	DER	17	5.1
694	Paulo Wanchope	DER	53	6.8
628	Danny Cadamarteri	EVE	16	5.8
673	John Spencer	EVE	2	6.0
674	Michael Ball	EVE	22	6.2
702	Duncan Ferguson	EVE	47	7.5
661	Clyde Wijnhard	LEE	-	6.8
662	Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink	LEE	60	8.1
622	Bulle Heskey	LEI	46	6.8
626	Tony Cottee	LEI	12	5.4
657	Ian Marshall	LEI	21	5.7
669	Graham Fenton	LEI	11	5.2
618	Karl-Heinz Riedle	LIV	30	7.7
619	Sean Dundee	LIV	-	7.0
620	Robbie Fowler	LIV	37	9.4
690	Michael Owen	LIV	80	10.5
640	Ole Gunnar Solskjaer	MAN	26	8.1
641	Andy Cole	MAN	60	8.7
649	Teddy Sheringham	MAN	49	7.5
610	Marco Branca	MID	-	7.0
611	Hamilton Ricard	MID	-	6.6
613	Mikkel Beck	MID	-	6.2
615	Alan Armstrong	MID	-	6.0
667	Andreas Andersson	NEW	6	6.7
668	Stephane Guivarc'h	NEW	-	7.7
670	Alan Shearer	NEW	10	10.1
630	Pierre Van Hooijdonk	NOT	-	7.8
634	Jean-Claude Darcheville	NOT	-	6.1
635	Dougie Freedman	NOT	0	6.3
663	Francesco Sanetti	SHE	3	5.9
664	Andy Booth	SHE	27	6.5
666	Paolo Di Canio	SHE	52	7.1
638	Mark Hughes	SOU	35	6.5
665	David Hirst	SOU	37	6.1
703	Egil Ostenstad	SOU	39	6.9
704	James Beattie	SOU	0	5.2
650	Chris Armstrong	TOT	35	7.1
658	Les Ferdinand	TOT	26	8.1
687	Steffen Iversen	TOT	10	6.4
603	Ian Wright	WES	16	7.8
614	John Hartson	WES	37	8.2
643	Samuel Ahde	WES	23	5.6
644	Paul Kitson	WES	12	6.3
672	Carl Leaburn	WIM	18	5.5
681	Jason Euell	WIM	14	5.4
700	Marcus Gayle	WIM	10	5.8
701	Efan Ekoku	WIM	14	6.0
705	Carl Cort	WIM	16	5.3

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RACING: JOCKEYS FRUSTRATED BY VETO ON ADVERTISING

Riders prepare to breach rules in sponsorship row

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

RICHARD DUNWOODY is prepared to lead an all-out confrontation with racing's leaders over the increasingly controversial issue of jockey sponsorship — and risk substantial fines or suspensions.

In his role as joint president of the Jockeys' Association (JA), Dunwoody disclosed for the first time yesterday that he and other senior riders — including Tony McCoy, the champion jockey — are willing to wear logos on their breeches in defiance of the British Horseracing Board's (BHB) insistence on allowing owners a veto over such advertising.

"It is a confrontation that is totally unnecessary, but Peter Savill is being very unreasonable," Dunwoody said. "We don't want to do it but, if necessary, we will and I shall take on the BHB over this.

"Myself and Anthony [McCoy] feel very strongly about it and we have the strong support of the rest of the jump jockeys. Having been in the Flat weighing room a couple of times recently, there is a similar feeling there."

Dunwoody, who is edging towards the close of a brilliant career as a jump jockey, stressed that he believes such drastic action should not be necessary, but feels the Jockeys' Association has been treated appallingly over sponsorship, which could raise an estimated £1 million a year. An objective assessment of the jockeys' case suggests he has a point.

The idea of jockeys carrying sponsorship was first presented to the BHB by Michael Caulfield, secretary of the JA, in 1993. However, he agreed to withdraw its scheme to enable owners to have a first crack and thereby gain valuable VAT concessions. The plans drawn up by Caulfield were used to help owners set up their successful sponsorship framework agreement.

After the owners had the VAT scheme renewed in 1997, the JA resubmitted its plans, but faced opposition from Savill in his then role as president of the Racehorse Owners' Association, which insisted owners should have a veto. At a BHB meeting last October, the board agreed — after a close vote — in favour of such a veto.

Apart from the expense of enforcing such a veto — up to £60,000 a year — which the jockeys would eventually have to pay for, it would deter would-be backers coming forward and effectively kill the scheme.

"We have been to some of the sports marketing firms and sponsorship would be no-go because of this veto. Logistically, it is a nightmare. You can imagine some owners would put in a veto — I think a lot would not bother — which would lead to scenarios of jockeys changing their breeches every five minutes. It would be awkward to manage and costly," Dunwoody said.

Aside from the detailed disagreement, the BHB stance appears to fly in the face of its policy of coexistence between sponsors and, more importantly, the concept of self-help within racing — articulated in the Financial Plan. To many people, it is sheer madness that jockeys are being effectively prevented from gaining commercial backing and thereby attracting more money into the sport.

"Although Savill might disagree, people come to the races to watch the likes of Frankie Dettori, Tony McCoy and Kieren Fallon — they are the stars," Dunwoody added.

Unless a compromise is reached, Dunwoody and other senior riders will wear logos on their breeches and find themselves in contravention of Jockey Club instruction E5, which states "no rider may carry any form of advertising material on any part of his clothing or equipment" in the parade ring or during a race — except that agreed under race and ownership deals.

However, that order has not stopped jockeys like Dunwoody, McCoy and Fallon wearing logos on polo necks underneath silks. The Jockey Club says such sponsorship is acceptable because it is not visible during races.

Caulfield said yesterday: "The BHB is being advised by some of its senior members that perhaps they have not got the policy right. All we are asking is for them to revise the issue and try to organise a more manageable and workable system. All it requires is a leap of faith by the BHB. A veto is not only unnecessary, unmanageable and expensive, but also has feudal overtones."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Dunwoody, displaying a Saab logo which is not allowed to be visible during races, is willing to lead his fellow riders in their dispute with the BHB over sponsorship

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Santandre (4.30 Bath)

Despite being outpaced early, Santandre ran out a comfortable winner of a nursery at Thirsk 11 days ago. Sturdily bred on his dam's side, he should be even more effective over today's longer trip.

Next best: Corndavon (3.00 Bath)

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THUNDERER

2.15 Accelerating
2.45 Baytham
3.15 ALWAYS ALIGHT (nap)
3.45 Asset Manager
4.15 Manful
4.45 Northern Motto

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.45 GIVE AN INCH.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 ACCELERATING (nap). 3.15 Long Siege. 4.45 Primaticcio

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-3432 GOLD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robertson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 82

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form: P — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified. Horse name. Days since last racing. J, F, T last. (B) — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in last race. Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Race class, any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS
DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 BELLISLE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,785: 7f) (7 runners)

101 (6) ALLAE B Palmer 9-0 — J Carroll —
102 (3) 0 ALEXANDER 22 J Fanshawe 9-0 — Dean McKeown 25
103 (7) 0300 AUTOCRAT 14 (Kingsclere Racing) M Channon 9-0 — K Fallon 57
104 (2) FLORISTHEFOREST Miss L Perratt Miss L Perratt 9-0 — B Darley —
105 (1) 24 ICE 29 K Ivory M Johnston 9-0 — D Holland 22
106 (5) LITTLE JOHN Mrs A Robertson Miss L Perratt 9-0 — J Weaver —
107 (4) 3422 ACCELERATING 24 (B) (C Smallwood) J Gosden 9-0 — L Dettori 76

BETTING: 4-7 Accelerating, 5-1 Ice, 10-1 Autocrat, 12-1 Little John, 16-1 Floristheforest, 20-1 Allae, 25-1 Alexander.

1997 NAUTICAL STAR 9-0 M Henry (6-11 fav) K Mahy 4 ran.

FORM FOCUS Alexander 2¼l 7th of 8 to Menwar in maiden stakes at Ayr (7f, soft). Autocrat 7¼l 9th of 14 to My Petal in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). Ice 7¼l 4th of 11 to Dupple in maiden stakes at Ayr (6f, good to soft). Accelerating 2¼l 2nd of 5 to Estimate in fillies maiden stakes at Nottingham (6f, 15yd, good).

ACCELERATING should win although the application of blinkers precludes maximum confidence.

2.45 LADY ISLE SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,038: 7f) (13 runners)

201 (13) 00550 MISS SERENGETI 10 M Pipman J Berry 9-7 — C Lowther 37
202 (6) 60-040 MR MIYAGI 18 (B) (Sandycroft Stables Ltd) A Bailey 9-3 — J Weaver 66
203 (2) 026500 QUIZ MASTER 10 (V) (Mrs R Hedley) E Weymes 9-3 — K Darley 70
204 (8) -10006 KOLBY 15 (B,F) (Sandycroft Stables Ltd) A Bailey 9-0 — J Fortune 65
205 (3) 500030 PORCELLINO 19 (Gage Racing Partnership) K Burke 9-0 — D Holland 76
206 (4) 026300 BAYLHAM 9 (B) (Tough Construction Ltd) J Goldie 8-13 — K Fallon 68
207 (6) 00-000 TAXEMEAR 38 (J Ruggles & Mrs A Ruggles) D Haydn Jones 8-11 — A Mackay 49
208 (7) -00649 PATSY CULSYTH 13 (S) (Speedfit Group) N Tinkler 8-11 — Kim Tinkler 73
209 (1) 022004 SPRING BEACON 15 (Newmarket Connections Ltd) C Allen 8-9 — N Carlisle 64
210 (12) 000500 SNOWBALLS 15 (B) (Dee Lodge Racing Club) Miss L Perratt 8-6 — J Carroll 68
211 (10) 200054 SNAPPY TIMES 6 (B) (J Wynn-Williams) M Dods 8-4 — Dale Gibson 74
212 (9) 056300 TOM B 10 (V) (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 8-3 — N Kennedy 67
213 (11) 650004 NIGERE PRINCESS 42 (Dalkeith Racing) W Kemp 7-10 — R Winston (3) 64

BETTING: 5-1 Quiz Master, 6-1 Spring Beacon, 7-1 Kolby, Snappy Times, 8-1 Baytham, 10-1 Patsy Culsyth, Porcellino, 12-1 Mr Miyagi, 14-1 Miss Serengeti, 16-1 others.

1997 REEL A LINE 9-3 J Weaver (13-5 fav) B Meehan 7 ran.

FORM FOCUS Mr Miyagi 12l 7th of 13 to General Klaire in maiden auction stakes at Wolverhampton (6f, Aw, nursery). Quiz Master 4¼l 7th of 21 to Hasim in maiden handicap at Thirsk (6f, good) with Miss Serengeti (3lb worse off) 30l last. Porcellino 10l 9th of 14 to Abbaal in claiming stakes at Brighton (6f 209yd, good). Baytham 15l last of 7 to Najjar in handicap at Newcastle (1m, good). Tanimber 24l 16th of 18 to Sunstreak in handicap at Nottingham (1m 54yd, good). Patsy Culsyth 9l 14th of 17 to Just Testing in handicap at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). Spring Beacon 5¼l 4th of 20 to Melodian in handicap at Newcastle (7f, good) with Kolby (levels) 6¾l 6th and Snowballs (1lb better off) 24l 15th. Snappy Times 4¼l 4th of 11 to Emperor Nakeem in claiming stakes at Pontefract (5f, good to firm), previously 4¾l 5th of 10 to Sandicle in selling handicap at Redcar (5f, good to firm) with Quiz Master (2lb better off) 4¾l 7th. Tom 21l 15th of 19 to Tancred Times in handicap at Carlisle (5f 207yd, good to soft). Nigere Princess 17l last of 4 to On Call in apprentice handicap at Hamilton (1m 4f 17yd, good), previously 14l 7th of 10 to Seconds Away in apprentice selling handicap at Ayr (1m, good to firm) with Mr Miyagi (2lb worse off) 21l 8th.

A modest contest, but MR MIYAGI could go well at a decent price.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lady Herries	3	8	37.5	Paul Eddery	5	22	22.7
P Calver	8	24	33.3	D Holland	18	86	20.9
M Prescott	5	23	21.7	J Tate	5	27	18.5
A Bailey	14	94	14.9	J Weaver	29	164	17.7
M Channon	7	48	14.6	K Darley	30	173	17.3
M Johnston	23	172	13.4	L Dettori	4	26	15.4
R Fahey	3	23	13.0	K Fallon	20	131	15.3

3.15 AYR FLOWER SHOW CLASSIFIED STAKES (£3,444: 6f) (5 runners)

101 (4) 450030 ALWAYS ALIGHT 19 (D,F,G,S) (D Salmon) Gordon x Burke 4-9-5 — K Fallon 96
102 (5) 234210 INDIAN SPARK 11 (D,F,S) (K Bradley) J Goldie 4-9-5 — A Culhane 100
103 (2) 1-4203 STAND TALL 25 (D,F,G,S) (K Hartley) Lady Herries 6-9-2 — Paul Eddery 67
104 (1) 5-1 LONG SIEGE 11 (D,F) (M C Chapman) J Gosden 5-9-1 — L Dettori 90
105 (3) 00-640 FILEY BRIGG 17 (F,S) (Dalkeith Racing) M Kemp 3-8-9 — R Winston (7) 64

BETTING: 5-7 Long Siege, 11-4 Always Alight, 5-1 Indian Spark, Stand Tall, 16-1 Filey Brigg.

1997 NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS Always Alight 5l 11th of 29 to Saganeur Premium in handicap at Goodwood (5f, good). Indian Spark 4¼l 6th of 12 to Rumbustious in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). Stand Tall 4l 2nd of 11 to Delta Dancer in handicap at Newbury (6f, 8yd, good to firm). Long Siege beat Mistinguett 1½l in 15-runner maiden stakes at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). Filey Brigg 8¾l 10th of 12 to Better Terms in handicap at Newcastle (7f, 2yd, good).

LONG SIEGE can confirm the favourable impression he created at Salisbury.

3.45 49'S HANDICAP [SHOWCASE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (£7,249: 1m) (9 runners)

401 (6) 4-0024 D FACTOR 8 (D,F,S) (Miss D Hayde Jones) 5-9-10 — A Mackay 75
402 (1) 161030 ASSET MANAGER 14 (BF,D,G,S) (M J Mulhern) M Johnston 5-9-8 — D Holland 84
403 (3) 060103 ABAJAW 3 (D,G,S) (J Allison & Partners) M Channon 4-9-6 — L Dettori 67
404 (2) -43201 RYEFIELD 25 (F) (Mrs F Hindy Mrs L Perratt) 3-9-7 — J Weaver 84
405 (7) 445050 MAGIC MILL 9 (F,G) (A Scott) J Gosden 5-9-1 — A Culhane 68
406 (9) 510413 HIGH PREMIUM 20 (BF,CD,F,G,S) (J Parsons) F Fahey 10-9-1 — R Winston (3) 31
407 (7) 0-3031 SOMERTON BOY 24 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 6-8-13 — J Carroll 84
408 (5) 11-663 PAS DE MEMURES 7 (B) (Trekker) K Burke 3-8-9 — K Fallon 92
409 (4) 110003 IMPULSIVE AIR 6 (D,F,G,S) (T Cockerill) E Weymes 5-8-6 — R Darley 87

BETTING: 7-2 Asset Manager, 5-1 High Premium, Somerton Boy, 7-1 Asset Manager, Pas de Memures, 8-1 Ryefield, Impulsive Air, 10-1 others.

1997 ANTARCTIC STORM 4-9-11 M Henry (4-1) R Fahey 7 ran.

FORM FOCUS D Factor 8½l 15th of 17 to Hyde Park in handicap at Chester (7f, 22yd, good). Asset Manager 25l last of 19 to Clute Park in handicap at Goodwood (1m, good). Abajaw 1¼l 3rd of 13 to Most Intimate in handicap at Haydock (1m 30yd, good). Ryefield beat Come Up Smiling by 1½l in 8-runner maiden stakes at Catterick (6f 206yd, good to firm). Magic Mill 13l 7th of 10 to Hurricane in handicap at Newcastle (1m 2f 32yd, good). High Premium 2¾l 3rd of 9 to Test The Water in claiming stakes at Lingfield (1m 1f 14yd, good to firm). Somerton Boy beat Rebel County by 1½l in 10-runner handicap at Ripon (1m 1f 20yd, good to soft), previously 5¼l 7th of 21 to La Moderna in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good). Pas de Memures 1¼l 2nd of 14 to Indeed in handicap at Bath (1m 5yd, good). Impulsive Air 4¼l 2nd of 8 to Westernmost in handicap at Newcastle (7f, good).

FORM FOCUS Somerton Boy is often to improve his useful course record in a competitive race.

4.15 FLOWER SHOW AT THE RACECOURSE HANDICAP (£3,496: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

501 (1) 005-6 DONE WELL 49 (U) (G Cullum) T Marsden 6-10-0 — D Pears —
502 (3) 101431 RICCARTON 12 (D,F,G,S) (W MacPherson) P Calver 5-9-4 — J Fortune 63
503 (7) 0-0042 MANFUL 10 (B,BF,C,D,F,G) (C Barber-Lomax) Miss L Perratt 6-9-1 — N Kennedy 73
504 (4) 043021 OUR PEOPLE 35 (F) (Dr T N Cleary) M Johnston 4-8-10 — D Holland 61
505 (5) 331441 BEAU ROBERTO 10 (F,S) (J Armstrong) J Goldie 4-8-6 — R Fahey (7) 87
506 (2) 343121 SING AND DANCE 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs N Rogers) E Weymes 5-8-3 — R Winston (3) 73
507 (6) 04-4 TOSHIBA TALK 94 (D,F) (T Jones) (Mrs Jan) Lady B Ellison 6-7-10 — T Williams 71

BETTING: 11-4 Long Siege, 3-1 Riccarton, 4-1 Beau Roberto, 9-2 Our People, 11-2 Manful, 14-1 Toshiba Talk, 25-1 others.

1997 NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS Done Well 35l 6th of 7 to Key To My Heart in stakes (rated) at Ayr (1m 3f 192yd, good to firm). Riccarton beat Tankersley neck in 7-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good to firm). Our People beat Turnstile Gem by 1½l in 7-runner handicap at Carlisle (7f 214yd, good to firm). Beau Roberto beat Manful (12lb better off) 5l in 8-runner apprentice handicap at Hamilton (1m 3f 16yd, good to soft). Sing And Dance beat Vanadium Die 1½l in 7-runner handicap at Newcastle (1m 4f 93yd, good). Toshiba Talk 7¼l 4th of 16 to Night Cry in handicap at Hamilton (1m 3f 16yd, heavy) with Beau Roberto (9lb worse off) 16l 6th, Our People (8lb better off) 35l 11th and Manful (10lb better off) 26l 12th.

MANFUL can reverse Hamilton placings with Beau Roberto on 12lb better terms.

4.45 BRODICK BAY HANDICAP (£2,902: 1m 7f) (10 runners)

601 (10) 562132 BACK ROW 9 (C,S) (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 4-10-0 — N Kennedy 77
602 (3) 351410 NORTHERN MOTTO 18 (D,F,S) (A Peterson) J Goldie 5-9-10 — K Fallon 73
603 (7) 0031-0 COMPASS POINTER 113 (S) (R Carstairs) J Eustace 5-9-5 — J Tate 55
604 (5) 46-005 HIGHWAY 10 (G,Pond) C Thornton 4-9-4 — Dean McKeown 60
605 (4) 21-00 BHAVNAGAR 178J (F) (J Berry) B Ellison 7-9-1 — T Williams —
606 (6) 0400 MALAYAN MOON 10 (Angmering Park Stud) Lady Herries 3-8-4 — Paul Eddery 60
607 (9) 050621 PRIMATICCIO 15 (B,D,F) (C Humphrey) M Prescott 3-8-2 — G Duffield 45
608 (1) 003012 GIVE AN INCH 7 (F) (Black Type Racing) W Storey 3-7-10 — J McAuley (7) 80
609 (2) 304633 BURLESQUE 28 (Gordon Partnership) J Bethell 4-7-10 — Darren Moffatt (3) 62
610 (8) 0-5004 KEYSER SOZE 39 (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 3-7-10 — A Mackay 33

Long handicap: Burlesque 7-5, Keyser Soze 7-1.

BETTING: 9-4 Primaticcio, 7-2 Northern Motto, 9-2 Back Row, 8-1 Compass Pointer, Malayan Moon, 10-1 Give An Inch, 12-1 Keyser Soze, 14-1 others.

1997: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS Back Row 1¼l 2nd of 11 to Bathe In Light in handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good). Northern Motto 7¾l 7th of 15 to Sandhaggardagan in handicap at Ascot (2m 45yd, good). Compass Pointer 15l 8th of 16 to Forge in handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f 15yd, soft). Highway 20l 5th of 8 to Beau Roberto in apprentice handicap at Hamilton (1m 3f 16yd, good to soft). Bhavnagar 27l 8th of 9 to Friends Of Gerald in stakes at Thirsk (2m, good). Malayan Moon 7l 9th of 17 to Tot in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). Primaticcio beat Operaio 6l in 5-runner handicap at Folkestone (1m 7f 92yd, good to firm). Give An Inch ¾l 2nd of 10 to Night Cry in claiming stakes at Catterick (1m 3f 214yd, good). Burlesque 9¾l 3rd of 14 to Swinney in handicap at Beverley (2m 35yd, good), previously 13l 3rd of 15 to Tap On Tootsie in maiden handicap at Carlisle (2m 1f 52yd, good to soft) with Back Row (7lb worse off) 40l 6th. Keyser Soze 4¼l 4th of 8 to Silanika in maiden handicap at Hamilton (1m 5f 9yd, good to firm) with Primaticcio (1lb worse off) 7¾l 6th.

Fallon is the right man to get the best out of NORTHERN MOTTO

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Windsor

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, TITTA RUFFO (Pat Eddery, 2-1 fav; Timekeeper's top rating); 2, Shambles (M Henry, 14-1); 3, Perecaspi (T Sprake, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Inclination (6th), 16 After Dawn, Tulsa, 20 Serenity (4th), 33 Bejewelled, Miss Gilly, 40 Ironside Princess (5th). Meadgate's Dreamer 11 ran. 3½l, 5l, ¾l, hd, 2½l. B Meehan at Lambourn. Tote £1.30; £1.20, £1.30, £2.40. DF £3.90. CSF £3.86.

2.30 (1m 57yd) 1, BIDAAYAT FARAH (L Dettori, 2-6 fav); 2, Epidaurus (W Ryan, 16-1); 3, Vellum (K Fallon, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 12 Vicious Circle (4th), 16 Lucky Lover (6th), 25 Formation Dancer (5th), 33 Quadroon, Silver Wedding, 100 Streaker. 9 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 2½l, 3½l, 12l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote £1.40; £1.10, £3.40, £1.30. DF £13.50. CSF £9.71.

3.00 (6f) 1, CABALLERO (L Dettori, 13-8 jt-fav); 2, Diggs (K Fallon, 13-8 jt-fav); 3, Fadmoor (A Nicholls, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Kuwait Thunder (5th), 25 Diamond Geezer (6th), Fate Of Life (4th). 6 ran. 2l, 4l hd, nk, ¾l. C Britain at Newmarket. Tote £2.20; £1.10, £1.60. DF £1.70. CSF £3.58.

3.30 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, BROWNING (M Roberts, 4-1); 2, Flying Bold (Martin Dwyer, 9-1); 3, Westminster (D Biggs, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Lancer (6th), 5 Kings Assembly (4th), 9 Fabulous Micro (5th), 12 Sapphire Son, 14 Catchment. 16 Highspeed, 20 Kika, Rohaab, 25 Lalindi, Sheltered Cove. 13 ran. 2l, 4l, 1½l, 4l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote £4.80; £1.70, £3.20, £1.70. DF £26.30. CSF £40.18. Tricast £134.40.

4.00 (6f) 1, SMITTENBY (R Cochrane, 3-1 Richard Evans's nap); 2, Dolly Day Dream (N Pollard, 5-1); 3, Tickilish (C Rutter, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Optional (4th), 7 Leave It To Me (6th), 8 Divine Lady, 14 Lady Jane (6th). 7 ran. NR: Grey Princess. 3½l, 2½l, 1½l, hd. 4l. Mrs P Dunford at Seaton Tole. £4.00; £2.80, £2.30. DF £7.20. CSF £20.25. Tricast £79.36.

4.30 (1m 67yd) 1, WARRING (R Price, 7-1); 2, Daintree (N Carlisle, 10-1); 3, Zura (R Mullen, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav London Be Good (5th), 7 Indium, Style Dancer, 15-2 Scathebury, 8 Baba Au Rhum, Inkwell, Shear Face, Welcome Heights (6th), 10 Multicover (4th), 12 Mount Holly, 20 Godmersham Park, Moscow Mist. 15 ran. 2½l hd, ¾l, ¾l, sh hd. M Saunders at Wells. Tote £9.90; £3.30, £6.50, £3.00. DF £57.40. Trifecta £1,486.90. CSF £89.71. Tricast £573.43.

5.00 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, HAYDN JAMES (R Smith, 5-1); 2, Iron Mountain (N Callan, 11-4); 3, Tykewyor (N Pollard, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Sea Danzig (5th), 9 Tribal Peace (4th). 5 ran. ½l, nk, 2½l, 7l. P Harris at Berkhamsted. Tote £6.80; £2.70, £1.60. DF £9.60. CSF £17.88.

Jackpot: £2,859.40 Placepot: £34.50 Quadpot: £21.30.

Worcester

Going: good to firm (soft in places)

2.15 (3m hdle) 1, MINNISAM (G Shenkin, 10-1); 2, Hit The Bid (R Walley, 10-1); 3, Fabulon (C Durham, 11-2); 4, Gunmaker (S Kelly, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Foleys Quest, 5 Nuns Cone, 10 Strong Raider, 11 Whistling Buck (5th), 12 Spionan, 16 Lovelark (fl), 20 Spirit Level (6th), 25 Mozemo, 33 Hemero, Little Court, Persuasive Pays, 50 Honest Dave, 66 Captain 17 ran. 10l, 1½l, 3l, 2l, 4l. G Ham at Axbridge. Tote £9.00; £1.30, £2.00, £1.70, £2.40. DF £56.20. CSF £94.63. Tricast £568.75. No bid.

2.45 (2m 7f 110yd ch) 1, DERRING BRIDGE (R Johnson, 15-8); 2, Murberry (J Culloty, 25-1); 3, Royal Barge (W Marston, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Executive Options (4th), 8 Sharp Thyne, 66 Burfords For Scrap (f). 100 Milestone. 7 ran. ¾l, 4l, 9l. Mrs S Johnson at Madley. Tote £2.50; £1.10, £4.50. DF £14.60. CSF £28.02.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SNOWY PETREL (J Magee, 7-1); 2, Canton Venture (P Hide, 5-1); 3, Positive (Chris Webb, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Gray Pastel (5th), 7 Gerry's Price (4th), 11 Born To Please, 20 Mac A Minute, 40 Poppea (f). 8 ran. 1½l, 4l, 14l, 14l. C Mann at Lambourn. Tote £3.90; £2.30, £1.50, £4.00. DF £15.80. CSF £35.90. Tricast £332.10.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, MASTER MILLFIELD (R Dunwoody, 13-8 fav); 2, Indian Jockey (A P McCoy, 2-1); 3, Doctoor (V Slattery, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 Thunderpoint (f), 7 Prizefighter (4th). 5 ran. 11l, 19l, 17l. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote £2.60; £1.10, £1.30. DF: £2.10. CSF £5.06.

4.15 (2m ch) 1, DORMISTON BOYO (B Powell, 9-2); 2, Club Caribbean (R Widger, 5-2 fav); 3, Lisloughin Abbey (T Eley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Persian Butterfly (4th), 11-2 Pridewood Golding, 13-2 Beau Cyrano, 20 Hugh Daniels. 33 Kaiser (6th), Master Loren (5th). 9 ran. 4l, 1l, 7l, 2l, 7l. T Wall at Church Stretton. Tote £5.00; £1.10, £2.70, £2.90. DF £10.10. CSF £14.85. Tricast: £128.24.

4.45 (2m hdle) 1, NAVARRE SAMSON (R Dunwoody, 9-2); 2, Charlie's Gold (A Bates, 9-2); 3, Lord Of Love (R Garritty, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav King Pharn, 10 High Jinks (5th), 11 Guaranteed (4th), Rubemma, 33 Siena, Southern-Be-George, 50 Shantie, 66 Erika's Young Man, Goldenacres, Vicky Jazz (6th). 13 ran. 1l, 30l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote £5.60; £2.10, £1.80, £2.20. DF £25.70. CSF £22.84.

Placepot: £92.40 Quadpot: £7.10.

☐ Double Oscar. Gaelic Storm and Nuclear Debate share 10-1 favouritism with the sponsor for the William Hill Great St Wilfrid at Ripon on Saturday. The company then bets: 11-1 Masha-li, Proud Native, 12-1 Deep Space, Surveyor, 14-1 others.

☐ Pay Homage, trained by Ian Balding, runs his hundreth Flat race in the Royal Crescent Handicap at Bath today. The ten-year-old, who has won 12 races, has also made two starts over hurdles.

☐ There are 11 acceptors for the £70,000 group two Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury on Saturday.

Double Classic out of Ebor

A JOINT infection yesterday caused leading fancy Double Classic to become the second well-backed Sir Michael Stoute-trained horse to be ruled out of next Wednesday's Tote Ebor at York.

Double Classic's defection means Stoute's yard will be without a runner in Europe's richest handicap. The trainer had earlier pulled one-time favourite, Secret Saver, out soon after publication of the weights.

The sponsor now bets: 6-1 Tuning, 7-1 Rainbow High, 10-1 Ridaiyma, 12-1 Cyrian Street General, Yavana's Pace, 14-1 Arctic Owl, Baffin Bay, 16-1 bar.

BATH

THUNDERER

2.00 Roffey Spinney. 2.30 Chunilto. 3.00 Bayonet. 3.30 Danegold. 4.00 Bramble Bear. 4.30 Entropy. 5.00 Al's Alibi.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 AUGUST SELLING STAKES (£2,444: 1m) (11 runners)

1 (7) 6051 I CAN'T REMEMBER 43 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 4-9-8 — M Roberts 66
2 (3) 0120 ROFFEY SPINNEY 3 (F) R Hannon 4-9-8 — K Hughes 89
3 (1) -001 THE GREEN GREY 6 (CD,F) W Muir 4-9-8 — Martin Dwyer 60
4 (5) 3400 BOATER 27 (B,D,F) R Frost 4-9-3 — S Sanders 68
5 (9) 4000 GUNNERS GLORY 20 (F) Mrs L Dobbs 4-9-3 — Nesdon Scott (7) 70
6 (10) -000 EIDER HILL 68 (B) D Morris 4-8-12 — F Norton 65
7 (6) 000- OPENING ISSUE 271 R Simpson 3-8-10 — M Gallagher 54
8 (8) 2-00 PRIVATE SEAL 19 (F) J C Poulton 3-8-10 — W J O'Connor 73
9 (2) 000- LIBERALIS 421 J Scales Jones 3-8-5 — N Pollard (5) —
10 (4) 0006 LITTLE IMP 28 (B) P Burns 3-8-5 — N Callan (5) 36
11 (11) 5002 PERSIAN SABRE 6 K Searle 3-8-5 — R Cochrane 82

3-1 I Can't Remember, 7-2 Boater, 9-2 Roffey Spinney, The Green Grey, 7-1 Persian Sabre, 10-1 Private Seal, 16-1 Eider Hill, 20-1 others.

2.30 MILE MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,472: 1m) (18)

1 (11) 00-0 DANZIG FLYER 13 P Harris 3-10-0 — N Callan (5) 54
2 (16) 0508 SANDY SADDLER 43 P Mitchell 4-10-0 — M Tebbutt 53
3 (7) -000 CELESTIAL BAY 11 E Wheeler 3-9-9 — S Carson (7) 44
4 (5) 0000 IN THE STOCKS 15 L Cottrell 4-9-6 — M Roberts 43
5 (9) 6-62 BESTEMER 6 H Candy 4-9-6 — C Rutter 70
6 (7) 5060 ELA-AMERULLA 36 G Lewis 3-9-5 — M Day 54
7 (15) 0560 COUNTER STRIKE 11 R Hannon 3-9-3 — Dane O'Neill 45
8 (18) 0606 NANCY MALONEY 13 Miss G Kelleway 3-9-2 — P Robinson 26
9 (14) -202 POLONAISE PRINCE 8 (V) P Makin 5-9-2 — S Sanders 52
10 (4) 6366 CHUNILTO 11 (B) P Robbs 2-9-1 — T Sprake 57
11 (1) 0606 VELVET JONES 19 G Charles-Jones 5-9-13 — R Shuttleworth (5) 60
12 (3) 0-05 SEAGOATCHER 8 D Elsworth 4-9-12 — N Pollard (5) 45
13 (8) 0006 SHARP FELLOW 24 (V) I Balding 3-9-11 — S Whitworth 51
14 (10) 0-06 ATTARIKH 24 Mrs A King 5-9-9 — J Fanning 70
15 (13) 0005 SPLASHED 18 P Ferrell 4-9-8 — J Reid 67
16 (6) 4032 MAGICAL DANCER 13 Mrs P DeSoid 3-9-6 — J Quinn 47
17 (17) 0-00 SWISTAME 10 G Charles-Jones 3-9-3 — R Perham 42
18 (12) 6000 BALLYKISSANGEL 13 D French Davis 3-9-3 — P Doe (5) 76

4-1 Bestemer, 5-1 Magical Dance, 6-1 Polonaise Prince, 10-1 Counter Strike, Nancy Maloney, Chunilto, 12-1 Sandy Saddler, Velvet Jones, 14-1 others.

3.00 MENDIP MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,274: 5f 11yd) (15)

1 (4) 422 BAYONET 29 (BF) R Johnson Houghton 8-11 — J Reid 77
2 (12) 0 BROCKTON SAGA 15 J Moore 8-11 — M Tebbutt 25
3 (13) 552 CORNDAVON 22 M Fetherston-Godley 8-11 — R Hughes 75
4 (8) DANSHAH 9 Hills 8-11 — R Hills —
5 (3) DEADLY NIGHTSHADE D Elsworth 8-11 — N Pollard (5) —
6 (14) DIAMOND BLUSH R Hodges 8-11 — P P Murphy (3) —
7 (10) 000 FEARLESS LADY 32 V Soane 8-11 — R Cochrane —
8 (9) 00 GRACE MELBURY 34 M Blanchard 8-11 — J Quinn 27
9 (15) 0 LUCIANA LADY 30 D Haydn Jones 8-11 — S Drowne —
10 (1) 0006 PRICE OF PASSION 18 D Arbuthnot 8-11 — S Whitworth —
11 (2) SCREN TEG 8 Pelling 8-11 — T Sprake —
12 (5) 0068 SISTER PATRICE 14 (B) Mrs P Dufficy 8-11 — A Daly (3) —
13 (7) 00 TILIA 8 R Hannon 8-11 — Dane O'Neill 44
14 (11) TWICKERS R Guest 8-11 — S Sanders —
15 (6) 0 VALENTINE ANNA 29 D Haydn Jones 8-11 — F Norton —

3-1 Dancdah, 7-2 Bayonet, 4-1 Corndavon, 10-1 Brockton Saga, Deadly Nightshade, 12-1 Sister Patrice, Tilia, 16-1 others.

3.30 PULTENEY HANDICAP (£3,453: 2m 1f 34yd) (5)

1 (3) 0551 SHAMPODED 52 (F,S) R Dickin 4-9-10 — J Reid —
2 (4) 3410 DANEGOLD 4 (C,F,S) M Channon 6-9-5 — A Eddery (5) 73
3 (1) 5212 FAST FORWARD FRED 21 (G) L Montague Hall 7-8-13 — A Clark 64
4 (2) -045 AMBER VALLEY 14 (S) D Williams 7-8-2 — A Whelan 71
5 (5) 326 MU-TADIL 11 R Baker 6 7-10 — J Bramhill 73

9-4 Danegold, 11-4 Fast Forward Fred, 7-2 Shampoded, 9-2 Mu-Tadil, 13-2 Amber Valley.

4.00 LUCKINGTON CLASSIFIED STAKES (£2,775: 5f 11yd) (12)

1 (2) 2021 LEVELLED 6 (D,F,G) M Channon 4-9-6 — A Eddery (5) 86
2 (4) 0500 LONGWICK LAD 21 (C,D,F) W Muir 5-9-6 — Martin Dwyer 79
3 (8) 2120 MOUSEHOLE 4 (CD,F,G) F Guest 6-9-6 — F Robinson 85
4 (3) 3000 BEAU VENTURE 8 (C,D,F,G) I Balding 10-9-2 — T Sprake 59
5 (7) 5230 BRAMBLE BEAR 21 (CD,F,S) M Blanchard 4-9-3 — J Quinn 90
6 (6) 1460 FICKLE TIGRE 11 (D,F) S Dow 3-9-3 — P Doe (5) 77
7 (10) 3600 MALIBU MAN 21 (CD,F,G) E Wheeler 6-9-1 — S Whitworth 54
8 (11) 4300 NITWITTY 18 R Hodges 4-9-2 — R Cochrane 82
9 (9) 1050 SONGSHEET 4 (CD,F

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Much sympathy for Cronje's team but unstinting praise for Stewart's band in their hour of triumph

England's success could be prelude to greater things

JOHN WOODCOCK

on a victory that was desperately needed

The clouds, thank goodness, have lifted from the hills; for the moment, anyway, the drought has broken. England never needed a victory more badly than they did at Headingley yesterday, and they played their hearts out in achieving it.

There has to be much sympathy for the South Africans, for having made all the running in the rubber and yet been beaten on the line. But they lost no honour whatever in defeat.

They got almost all the worst of the umpiring in the last two Test matches, a fact that Hansie Cronje is too good a man to have made into an excuse; they contributed much the best bowling of the series and as high a standard of fielding as can ever have been attained.

Allan Donald is a great cricketer; Jacques Kallis has the strength and ability to become one, and there is no better all-rounder in the game today than Shaun Pollock, still barely 25 years old.

If the series were to start again tomorrow, one's money would have to be on South Africa. Though too attritional at times for their own good, especially in the way their bowlers fall back on a wide, off-side line, they will learn from that. Because of Donald and Pollock, they don't need helpful conditions to bowl their opponents out to anything like the extent that England still do.

England have got a good spirit in their side. All the kissing and hugging that went on yesterday was a good deal too ostentatious for me, and I loathe seeing champagne being sprayed in all directions.

It is a bad do, too, when the difference between winning and losing a match comes to quite so much money as it did yesterday, owing to a one-off offering. But England were right to revel in their achievement. The ideal of all for one and one for all is never to be belittled, and England have enough good, tough cricketers not to be a walkover in Australia this coming winter, particularly if Shane Warne is in the least bit tottery.

Experiences such as yesterday's for the England side are wonderfully beneficial. If I were to pick out two such from all the Test matches that I have seen, one would be the Sydney Test of 1954-55, the other the Headingley Test of 1981.

Had England lost either of them they would have been two Tests down with three to play and sunk without trace. As it was, I left them both feeling quite transformed, and each time England went on to great things. Both matches were as close as yesterday's, England winning the first by 38 runs and the second by 18 runs, and it made it especially special that it was Australia whom they beat.

But, in the present circumstances, beating South Africa means no less. We may be brought down to earth at the Oval, should the Sri Lanka batsmen get their eye in in warm sunshine and on a good pitch. For the moment, though, all praise to David Lloyd and Alec Stewart and all their players. Their success is an unmixed blessing.

Less so, if it comes to pass — as it almost certainly will — will be the day when the umpires' job is made over to modern technology. The umpires have had a bad series. That is not in doubt. They have always been, and always will be, eminently fallible.

When I was young, though, they gave the batsman the benefit of the doubt. It was an unwritten rule that they should, just as much as it was that their decisions were final. For some years now, I have thought that this can no longer apply, and that is one of the causes of the present trouble.

"When in doubt, it's not out". That is the umpire's first commandment, but it seems to have been forgotten.

The last equally enthralling series between England and South Africa in this country was in 1955, when England won the first and second Tests and South Africa the third and fourth. My clearest single memory of the decider at The Oval is of Peter May being given not out by umpire Bartley in the England second innings, when he had made four. I recall it partly because it was so absolutely crucial and partly because it was so absolutely plum.

May played back to an off break of full length from Hugh Tayfield that simply had to hit the wicket. There was nowhere else for it to go, and there was nothing in the law, as it was written at the time, to acquit the England captain.

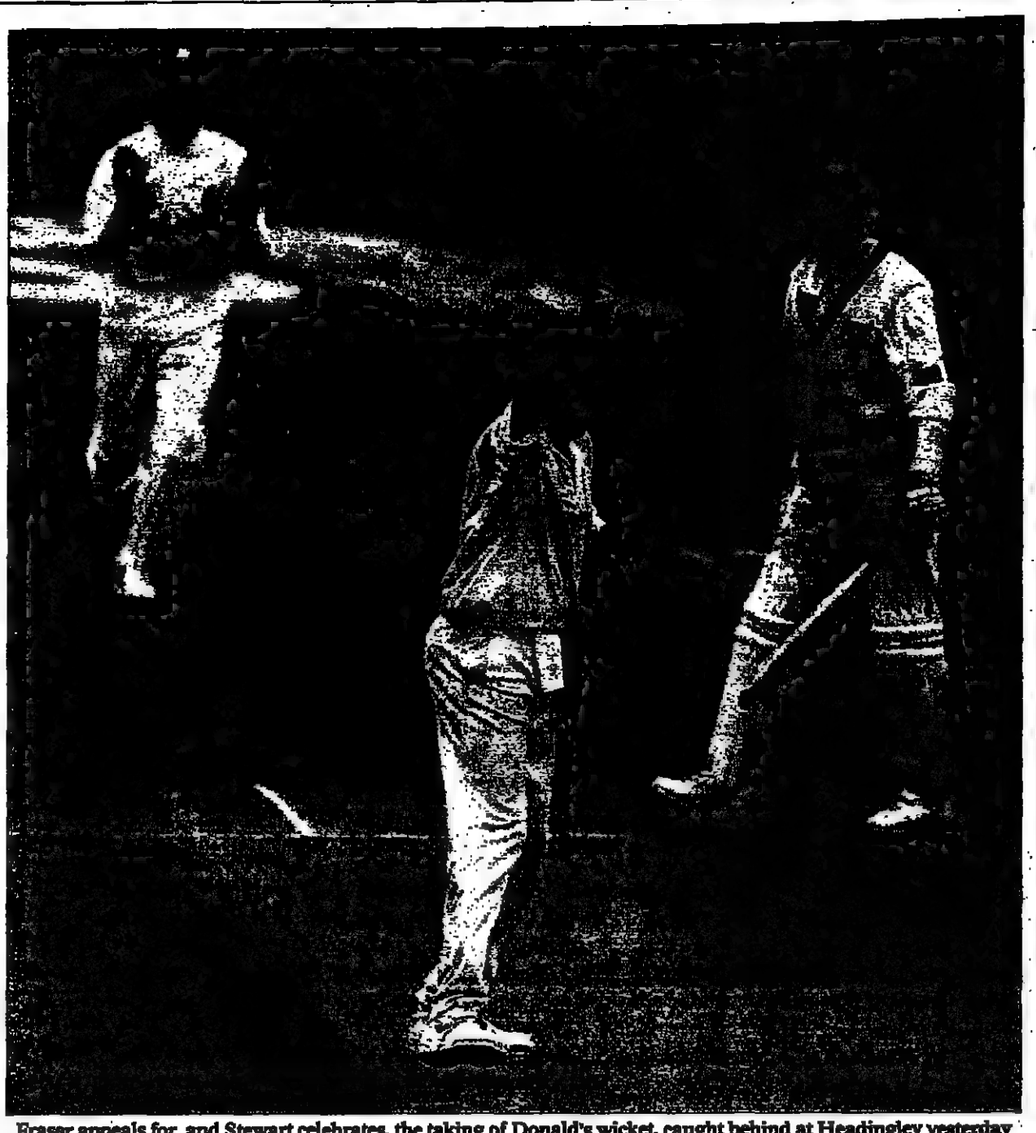
In the event, May went on to make 89 not out and England to win a low-scoring match by 92 runs and Tom Bartley to show his face happily in public. Writing about it in these columns, I referred simply to "a desperately close call". Without a slow-motion replay to show just how desperately close, it was a better, less controversial, more innocent game.

But that was then and this is now. The umpire's job is rapidly becoming a living nightmare. As things stand, the situation is untenable, not because the appealing has got out of hand (in tight situations it was often manically vociferous) nor because batsmen don't walk anymore (the majority never did), but because cricket has been hijacked by television.

In a cheerfully indiscriminate way it is ridiculing the game. It can be riveting to watch, but it can't go on.

Until the authorities get together to talk things through, it would be fairer to umpires and players alike for replays to be shown only at normal speed, starting during the Test match against Sri Lanka in two weeks' time. Once taken, the decision to refer anything, which would soon become almost everything, to a third party will be irrevocable.

Michael Atherton is expected to overcome food poisoning and take his place in the Lancashire side that meets Hampshire in the semi-final of the NatWest Trophy in Southampton today. If John Crawley is declared fit after suffering tendinitis in the elbow, Lancashire will be at full strength and overwhelming favourites to progress.



Fraser appeals for, and Stewart celebrates, the taking of Donald's wicket, caught behind at Headingley yesterday

How the series was won and lost

Alan Lee highlights the key moments in a rollercoaster-ride of five Test matches

FIRST TEST (Edgbaston)

Thursday: South Africa win the toss but Pollock and Donald bowl too short and wide in ideal conditions. Atherton and Butcher put on 179 for the first wicket.
Friday: England make 437 but Donald breaks Gough's finger on a gloomy evening. Gough will not bowl in this match or the next.
Monday: England declare to set a target of 290 but a day of solid rain ruins their chance of victory.

SECOND TEST (Lord's)

Thursday: Cork reduces South Africa to 46 for four after Stewart wins the toss but England fail to cash in. Rhodes makes a century in a total of 360.
Saturday: Donald bowls magnificently on a humid day to take five for 32. England are dismissed for 110 and forced to follow on, while Ramprakash is disciplined for dissent.
Sunday: England lose six wickets for 11 runs after a century from Hussain had hinted at recovery. David Lloyd is "distraught".

THIRD TEST (Old Trafford)

Thursday/Friday: Kirsten makes 210 and Kallis 132 as South Africa pile up 552 for five. The ground is half-empty, the mood despondent.
Sunday: England, booed off the ground two nights in succession, follow on again. At 11 for two in their second innings, the series looks beyond them, and a serious back injury to Thorpe deepends the gloom, but Atherton and Stewart add 200 before the close.
Monday: The day, according to Cronje, when "the pendulum swung". Stewart's seven-hour innings ends soon after lunch but Croft bats for three hours, Gough for 78 minutes and Fraser for a heartstopping few overs to salvage a draw.

FOURTH TEST (Trent Bridge)

Thursday: Stewart controversially chooses to bowl and South Africa make 302 for seven, with a century for Cronje. Dismay all round.
Saturday: Ramprakash's resolute 67 drags England within 38 of the South Africa score and the seamers then take three quick wickets.
Sunday: Fraser completes ten wickets in the match and England are set 247 to win. Atherton survives a crucial, bruising duel with Donald in the final hour.
Monday: More than 10,000, the biggest fifth-day crowd for decades, see England win, Atherton unbeaten with 98. Ticket sales for the final Test boom.

FIFTH TEST (Headingley)

Thursday: Butcher's century keeps England in the game — the next highest score is 24.
Friday: Cronje's 57, and three missed catches in 22 balls, mean England trail by 22 instead of leading.
Saturday: Atherton is out to the first ball of the day but Hussain bats through the remainder, a titanic innings.
Sunday: Donald and Pollock take the last six England wickets for 34 but South Africa then dive to 27 for five before Rhodes and McMillan put on 117. Gough strikes twice more to leave England poised for victory.

S Africa softened up by Atherton

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

WHEN the South Africa players and their coach, Bob Woolmer, come to terms with the defeat at Leeds they will surely ask themselves: how on earth did we lose that series? Finding a full and frank answer may prove difficult.

They can point to the loss of Lance Klusener, their combative all-rounder, and the early departure of another casualty, Adam Bacher. They can consider some poor umpiring decisions, though it would be unwise and, in any case, they have never sought to make an issue of that.

All that is pure cosmetics. It goes deeper and, if they are honest, they will hold up their hands and admit: we are still not good enough to beat the best teams in the world over a series, and sometimes not even the next-best teams. They have succumbed to an England team that cannot have terrified them.

Hansie Cronje, gracious in defeat, and a bit puzzled, offered no excuses. "We could not put big scores together when it really mattered," he said, alluding to the second innings at Trent Bridge and the first at Headingley. "We had chances to bat England out of the game, and we did not take them."

Umpiring peculiarities, as he has said before, counted for nought: "Some decisions go for you, and some against. You have to accept it."

South Africa had taken a step backwards, he said, in their attempt to become the best team in the world. "The way we played in the last two Tests was disappointing. We have to ask ourselves how we can improve."

Cronje made his first Test hundred for three years at Nottingham, and batted extremely well throughout. He is no Mark Taylor but he led his men well, by and large. Donald and Pollock are outstanding bowlers, the team fields well, and Boucher had a behind the stumps.

Perhaps, ultimately, South Africa's much-vaunted hardness is not quite as intimidating as they would have us believe. They wilted when they needed to be strong.

Who made them wilt? Michael Atherton, for one. Though Donald won battles with the England opener, Atherton never bent the knee. The pattern was established on the very first day of the series at Edgbaston, when Atherton played superbly for his hundred, an important one for him and for the team.

TEST MATCH AVERAGES

England

Batting

	M	I	NO	HS	Runs	Avge	100	50
M A Butcher	3	6	—	116	338	56.33	1	2
M Atherton	5	10	1	103	493	54.77	1	3
A J Stewart	5	10	1	164	465	51.66	1	1
R D B Croft	3	6	4	37*	90	45.00	—	—
N Hussain	5	10	—	105	347	34.70	1	2
M R Ramprakash	5	9	1	67*	249	31.12	—	1
A F Giles	1	2	1	16	17	17.00	—	—
D G Cork	5	9	1	36	99	13.27	—	—
G P Thorpe	3	6	—	43	63	10.50	—	—
I D K Salisbury	2	3	0	23	27	9.00	—	—
D Gough	4	6	1	16*	43	8.60	—	—
A R C Fraser	5	8	2	17	39	6.50	—	—
M A Ealham	2	4	—	8	24	6.00	—	—
N V Knight	1	2	—	11	12	6.00	—	—
A Flintoff	2	3	—	17	17	5.66	—	—
S P James	1	2	—	10	10	5.00	—	—
G A Hick	2	3	—	6	9	3.00	—	—
D W Headley	1	2	—	2	3	1.50	—	—

Bowling

	Overs	M	Runs	W	Avge	Best	5i	10m
A R C Fraser	203.3	56	492	24	20.50	5-42	3	1
D Gough	130.5	26	388	17	22.82	6-42	1	—
D G Cork	174.4	29	573	18	31.83	6-119	1	—
D W Headley	22	2	69	2	34.50	2-69	—	—
M A Ealham	38	10	105	2	52.50	1-50	—	—
A F Giles	36	7	106	1	106.0	1-106	—	—
A Flintoff	35	4	112	1	112.0	1-52	—	—
M A Butcher	14	4	37	0	—	—	—	—
I D K Salisbury	25	3	106	0	—	—	—	—
R D B Croft	67	20	211	0	—	—	—	—
M R Ramprakash	5	0	17	0	—	—	—	—

South Africa

Batting

	M	I	NO	HS	Runs	Avge	100	50
W J Cronje	5	7	1	126	401	66.83	1	4
L Klusener	3	3	1	57	108	54.00	—	1
J N Rhodes	5	7	—	117	367	52.42	1	2
J H Kallis	5	7	—	132	294	42.00	1	1
D J Cullinan	5	8	1	78	287	41.00	—	3
G Kirsten	6	8	1	210	257	36.71	1	—
B M McMillan	1	2	—	54	61	30.50	—	1
S M Pollock	4	6	1	50	146	29.20	—	1
S Elworthy	1	2	—	48	58	29.00	—	—
A M Bacher	1	1	—	22	22	22.00	—	—
M V Boucher	5	6	—	36	84	14.00	—	—
G F J Liebenberg	4	6	—	21	59	9.83	—	—
A A Donald	5	6	3	7*	29	9.66	—	—
M Ntini	2	2	1	4*	4	4.00	—	—
P R Adams	4	4	1	6*	10	3.33	—	—

Bowling

	Overs	M	Runs	W	Avge	Best	5i	10m
A A Donald	243.2	69	653	33	19.78	5-88	3	—
S M Pollock	219.5	69	464	18	25.77	5-53	1	—
J H Kallis	158.1	65	306	11	27.81	4-24	—	—
P R Adams	180.1	58	388	13	29.84	4-63	—	—
M Ntini	81	27	210	6	35.00	4-72	—	—
L Klusener	90	25	217	6	36.16	3-27	—	—
S Elworthy	31	9	79	1	79.00	1-41	—	—
W J Cronje	29	10	65	0	—	—	—	—
B M McMillan	20	0	46	0	—	—	—	—
D J Cullinan	2	0	2	0	—	—	—	—

FINAL SCOREBOARD FROM HEADINGLEY

England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

M A Butcher b Pollock ..... 116 (322min, 252 balls, 18 fours)
M A Atherton c Kallis b Ntini ..... 18 (78min, 50 balls, 2 fours)
N Hussain c Boucher b Pollock ..... 9 (63min, 45 balls, 1 four)
*†A J Stewart c Kallis b Donald ..... 15 (49min, 30 balls, 3 fours)
M R Ramprakash c Boucher b Donald ..... 21 (82min, 62 balls, 2 fours)
G A Hick c Rhodes b Ntini ..... 2 (39min, 21 balls)
A Flintoff c Liebenberg b Pollock ..... 0 (2min, 3 balls)
D G Cork not out ..... 24 (48min, 34 balls, 4 fours)
I D K Salisbury b Ntini ..... 0 (8min, 4 balls)
D Gough c McMillan b Ntini ..... 2 (15min, 7 balls)
A R C Fraser c Cullinan b Donald ..... 4 (19min, 7 balls)
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 2, nb 10) 21
Total (83.3 overs, 373min) 230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45 (Butcher 26), 2-83 (Butcher 52), 3-110 (Butcher 63), 4-181 (Butcher 106), 5-195 (Hick 0), 6-195 (Hick 0), 7-198 (Cork 0), 8-200 (Cork 2), 9-213 (Cork 12).

BOWLING: Donald 20.3-6-44-3; Pollock 24-8-51-3, Ntini 21-5-72-4, Kallis 9-4-30-0; McMillan 9-0-24-0.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

G Kirsten lbw b Fraser ..... 6 (27min, 24 balls, 1 four)
G F J Liebenberg c Hick b Fraser ..... 21 (62min, 42 balls, 2 fours)
J H Kallis c Ramprakash b Cork ..... 40 (178min, 134 balls, 7 fours)
D J Cullinan c Stewart b Gough ..... 27 (54min, 29 balls, 4 fours)
*W J Cronje lbw b Fraser ..... 57 (237min, 163 balls, 9 fours)
J N Rhodes c Stewart b Gough ..... 32 (37min, 39 balls, 4 fours)
B M McMillan c Salisbury b Cork ..... 7 (36min, 25 balls, 1 four)
S M Pollock c Salisbury b Fraser ..... 31 (84min, 64 balls, 1 four)
†M V Boucher c Atherton b Gough ..... 6 (23min, 16 balls, 1 four)
A A Donald lbw b Fraser ..... 0 (2min, 2 balls)
M Ntini not out ..... 4 (9min, 6 balls, 1 four)
Extras (lb 20, nb 1) 21
Total (90.3 overs, 380min) 252

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17 (Liebenberg 10), 2-36 (Kallis 4), 3-83 (Kallis 24), 4-120 (Cronje 20), 5-163 (Cronje 27), 6-184 (Cronje 37), 7-237 (Pollock 26), 8-242 (Boucher 0), 9-242 (Boucher 0)

BOWLING: Gough 24.3-7-58-3; Fraser 25-9-42-5; Cork 21-3-72-2, Flintoff 8-1-31-0; Salisbury 3-0-6-0; Butcher 9-4-23-0

ENGLAND: Second Innings

M A Butcher c McMillan b Pollock ..... 37 (150min, 107 balls, 5 fours)
M A Atherton lbw b Donald ..... 1 (3min, 4 balls)
N Hussain c Cronje b Pollock ..... 94 (428min, 341 balls, 13 fours)
*†A J Stewart c Boucher b Pollock ..... 35 (103min, 68 balls, 7 fours)
M R Ramprakash lbw b Pollock ..... 25 (97min, 75 balls, 4 fours)
I D K Salisbury c Boucher b Pollock ..... 4 (21min, 11 balls, 1 four)
G A Hick c Kirsten b Donald ..... 1 (11min, 7 balls)
A Flintoff c Boucher b Donald ..... 0 (3min, 5 balls)
D G Cork c Boucher b Donald ..... 10 (57min, 36 balls, 2 fours)
D Gough c Cullinan b Donald ..... 5 (33min, 15 balls, 1 four)
A R C Fraser not out ..... 1 (8min, 4 balls)
Extras (b 14, lb 1, w 2, nb 10) 27
Total (110.2 overs, 457min) 240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2 (Butcher 0), 2-81 (Hussain 33), 3-143 (Hussain 56), 4-200 (Hussain 82), 5-206 (Hussain 83), 6-207 (Hussain 83), 7-207 (Hussain 83), 8-229 (Cork 5), 9-235 (Gough 1).

BOWLING: Pollock 35-14-53-5; Donald 29.2-9-71-5; McMillan 11-0-22-0; Ntini 15-4-43-0; Kallis 15-6-31-0; Cullinan 1-0-1-0; Cronje 4-1-4-0.

SOUTH AFRICA: Second Innings

G Kirsten c Atherton b Gough ..... 3 (33min, 24 balls)
G F J Liebenberg lbw b Gough ..... 8 (16min, 15 balls, 1 four)
J H Kallis lbw b Fraser ..... 3 (20min, 15 balls)
D J Cullinan lbw b Gough ..... 0 (29min, 13 balls)
*W J Cronje c Stewart b Fraser ..... 0 (9min, 6 balls)
J N Rhodes c Flintoff b Gough ..... 85 (214min, 147 balls, 1 six, 10 fours)
B M McMillan c Stewart b Cork ..... 54 (153min, 120 balls, 8 fours)
S M Pollock not out ..... 28 (106min, 74 balls, 1 four)
†M V Boucher lbw b Gough ..... 4 (22min, 8 balls)
A A Donald c Stewart b Fraser ..... 4 (30min, 23 balls)
M Ntini lbw b Gough ..... 0 (8min, 8 balls)
Extras (lb 6, nb 2) 8
Total (75 overs, 326min) 196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9 (Kirsten 3), 2-12 (Kallis 3), 3-12 (Cullinan 0), 4-12 (Cullinan 0), 5-27 (Rhodes 14), 6-144 (Rhodes 74), 7-157 (Pollock 12), 8-175 (Pollock 16), 9-194 (Pollock 27).

BOWLING: Gough 23-6-42-6 (nb 1; 4 fours; 9-4-10-3, 4-1-14-0, 10-1-18-3); Fraser 23-8-50-3 (nb 2; 6 fours; 9-3-28-2, 4-1-9-0, 7-1-14-0, 3-3-0-1); Cork 17-1-60-1 (4 fours; 5-1-13-0, 6-0-16-1, 6-0-21-0); Flintoff 4-1-13-0 (1 four; one spell); Salisbury 8-0-34-0 (1 six, 5 fours; one spell).

England won by 23 runs.

Match Award: M A Butcher (Adjudicator: P J W Allott).
Series Awards: M A Atherton (R A Woolmer) and A A Donald (D Lloyd).

Umpires: Javed Akhtar (Pakistan) and P Willey. Third umpire: K E Palmer. Match referee: A Ebrahim (Zimbabwe).

SERIES DETAILS: First Test (Edgbaston). Match drawn. Second Test (Lord's): South Africa won by ten wickets. Third Test (Old Trafford): Match drawn. Fourth Test (Trent Bridge): England won by eight wickets.

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FOOTBALL

United give up their struggle to sign Yorke

By Stephen Wood

THE attempts of Manchester United to prise Dwight Yorke from Aston Villa appear to be doomed to failure. Both clubs refuse to compromise on a deal for the Trinidad and Tobago striker and Martin Edwards, the United chairman, admitted yesterday that the stalemate could spell the end of the club's spending this summer.

On the day on which Manchester United Television was launched, celebrating a self-proclaimed image as the "greatest club in the world", United were forced to face the reality of not being able to attract another forward for love nor money, with the new FA Carling Premiership season just four days away.

The move for Yorke was high on the list of priorities in the close season for Alex Ferguson, the United manager, even more so after Patrick Kluivert, the Holland striker, turned United down in favour of staying with AC Milan.

Yet Villa have remained steadfast in their desire to keep hold of Yorke, insisting that he will not be sold for less than £16 million. United made one bid, in the region of £8 million, and it is believed that they would increase their offer by another £4 million to clinch the transfer, but no more.

Edwards spent much of last week talking to Doug Ellis, his opposite number at Villa, but they have reached an impasse, and Edwards said: "We have shown an interest in Yorke, but they have put a high price on him because they do not want him to go. We are still poles apart in our valuations of the player."

Villa are prepared to accept a swap deal, which would see money plus Andy Cole moving to the Midlands, but Edwards was adamant that would not happen. "It is clear there is absolutely no way we are going to let Cole go," he said. "That might mean the chequebook is put away for the moment. It is not that we do not have money to spend, but what can you do? Kluivert is the one we wanted up front, but it just wasn't to be."

Their efforts to sign a forward having proved to be unsuccessful, United will prepare for the European Cup second qualifying round tie against LKS Lodz tomorrow and the start of the domestic season on Saturday with the established forward trio of Cole, Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

Edwards has overseen the purchases of two players this summer for a combined total of more than £15 million — Jaap Stam, a world record for a defender at £10.75 million, and Jesper Blomqvist, the Sweden winger, for £4.5 million.

Edwards explained: "Stam was the one we wanted to get early because of Gary Pallister's age and back problems. Pallister [now at Middlesbrough] played a lot of games last year, but he was always going to be a risk.

"In midfield, with injuries to Roy Keane and Ryan Giggs in mind, we knew we needed to strengthen there. Blomqvist was the one because we have been a bit weak on the left side. He will give us width this season and I believe if we had had that last year, we would have fared much better."

Steve Claridge signed for Portsmouth from Wolverhampton Wanderers yesterday in a £250,000 deal. The veteran forward had been targeted by Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, after he spent a productive spell on loan at Fratton Park towards the end of last season.

The arrival of eight players has led to confusion in the ranks at Rangers, but Advocaat has pleaded for time

Rangers have teething troubles

By Kevin McCarra

A EUROPEAN tie early in the season has the same effect as the shriek of a doorbell at dawn. Wrenched from their slumbers, clubs snap upright, unsure of their bearings, and then stumble in the dark as they try to make themselves respectable before discovering who is calling.

Rangers and PAOK Salonika, who meet in the second preliminary round of the Uefa Cup at Ibrox this evening, still look dishevelled. There has been muddle in the attempt of each club to register signings. In addition to employing a manager, Dick Advocaat, and recruiting a new team, Rangers have also revamped their entire operation this summer.

The glitches are obvious. Advocaat stated yesterday that Daniel Prodan was not eligible to face PAOK. A spokeswoman in the Uefa press office agreed. Campbell Ogilvie, the respected club secretary at Ibrox, was later to insist, however, that the Romania defender, had been bought from Atlético Madrid before the deadline and could play tonight.

For the sake of the supporters, it is to be hoped that the lines of communication are clearer within the team. By the weekend, Rangers had sold only 25,000 tickets for the tie, leaving them with half a stadium to fill.

The sluggishness at the box office is a sign not so much of disenchantment as of bewilderment. With eight signings made at a cost of £28 million, Advocaat is presenting the crowd with an unfamiliar team.

Confusion in the ranks is inescapable and, in the earlier round of the Uefa Cup, Rangers fell 3-0 behind against Shelbourne before running up a 7-3 aggregate victory in the tie. More efficient opponents do not, of course, allow that sort of rally to take place.

In their opening fixture of the Scottish Premier League, Rangers conceded two goals to Heart of Midlothian and, despite playing with gusto thereafter, lost 2-1. The looks of mutual incomprehension are most often exchanged among the defenders and although Advocaat now has the remedy for that complaint, it is one that he is forbidden to prescribe this evening.

Colin Hendry, signed from Blackburn Rovers, is ineligible and, assuming Prodan is unavailable, Advocaat is temporarily deprived of both his preferred centre halves. The manager knows that he is being forced to throw open his doors to the public before the renovation work is complete. "It takes time to settle when you bring so many players in, but we are capable of doing it against Salonika," he said.

The Greek team have also seemed frantic in their effort to prepare. Uefa have ruled that Mirko Taccola, one of two signings made by Oleg Blokhin, the coach, in the past few weeks was not registered in time to play. Nonetheless, PAOK can expect rapport among a squad whose members are used to one another.

A year ago, PAOK knocked Arsenal out of the Uefa Cup. The victors in the tie with Rangers may not be the more gifted team so much as the one that, at short notice, can cobble together a controlled performance. If Rangers are still unsure of themselves, they will at least be soothed by the quiet amusement to be had at the expense of their Glasgow rivals.

The Celtic squad that meets Croatia Zagreb in their European Cup second preliminary round first leg tomorrow has refused to take part in the launch of an away strip because of a dispute over bonus payments. It is rumoured that an offer of £25,000 per man to beat the Croatians was regarded as insufficient. There was an irate response from a club that felt itself being held to ransom. Whatever other assets they may possess, harmony is missing at Celtic.

ATHLETICS

Rest the key as veteran Oakes loses fitness fight

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

JUDY OAKES, who has made a record 82 appearances for Great Britain in the shot during an international career spanning 22 years, admitted yesterday that age had won a battle against her — but it may not win the war.

Oakes, 40, has been forced to withdraw from the European championships in Budapest next week because of a hand injury that she believes would have healed by now had she been a younger athlete. "I find I get niggling injuries which do not repair like they used to," Oakes said. "Rather than taking a couple of weeks, they take five or six."

Despite her years, though, Oakes remains one of the leading shot putters in Europe and the Commonwealth and she hopes that, by resting from competition now, she will recover in time to defend her title at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur next month.

Oakes is seeking a third Commonwealth title, though she considers herself a treble champion already, having won silver in 1986 behind Gael Marten, an Australian who confessed to a federal inquiry that she had taken drugs throughout her career. Though Oakes is now in her sixth year classed as a veteran, she underlined her elite status in June when she took the silver medal at the European Cup. Only Paula Radcliffe, among British women, was more successful.

Oakes's withdrawal further weakens the Great Britain women's squad for Budapest, which is without Ashia Hansen, the indoor triple jump world record-holder, and Kelly Holmes, the Commonwealth 1,500 metres champion. Oakes is suffering inflammation in her throwing hand and, though she can train, she cannot put in the full force of a throw.

"There is no point in me going if I cannot hit 19 metres and be in with a shout of a medal," Oakes said. "I am hoping it will settle down so I can defend my Commonwealth title."

IN BRIEF

Gunnell on top of world after his 147 break

■ **SNOOKER:** Adrian Gunnell, the world No 197 who hones his skills at the Duke of York in Telford, compiled a 147 break in the first qualifying round of the Thailand Masters at Plymouth yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

Gunnell, unbeaten in his first 13 matches this season, achieved the feat in the fourth frame of a 5-4 win over Mario Wehmann, of Holland, and is the lowest-ranked player to construct a maximum break. His reward was a cheque for £5,000. "Once I got down to the colours it was all pretty straightforward, but that didn't stop me feeling very nervous," he said.

■ **BOWLS:** Amy Gowshall, 19, who won the national champion of champions' singles event on Sunday, challenges one of the sport's legendary "old-timers" for a place in the quarter-finals of the EWBA's fours championship at Royal Leamington Spa this morning. Gowshall skipped Waltham Park to two victories yesterday and they now play the City and County of Oxford team, who are led by Irene Molyneux — some 60 years Gowshall's senior.

■ **SQUASH:** Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire, has taken the Exterieur Open Championship in Royan, France, by beating Rebecca Macree, from Essex, 9-1, 9-6, 9-1 in the final. The 35-year-old England No 3 defeated Katline Cauwels, of Belgium, Norma Perry, of Ireland, and Tania Bailey, the junior world champion, from Lincolnshire, on the way to the final.

■ **BASKETBALL:** Martin Henlan, one of British basketball's most successful players, has rejoined London Towers. Henlan was part of the team that won the leaguem, League Trophy and National Cup in 1996.

■ **ICE HOCKEY:** Nottingham Panthers have made their final signing of the close season by clinching a deal for Pekka Virta, the Finnish winger.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Seattle 6 Detroit 3; Toronto 4 Oakland 3; New York Yankees 5 Kansas City 4; Tampa Bay 2 Cleveland 1; Anaheim 9 Chicago White Sox 0; Minnesota 5 Baltimore 4.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Milwaukee 4 Cincinnati 3; Montreal 8 Arizona 2; St Louis 2 Chicago Cubs 1; Houston 11 Philadelphia 2; Colorado 11 New York Mets 4; San Diego 6 Florida 5

BASKETBALL

ATHENS: World championships: Third-place play-off: United States 84 Greece 81. Final: Yugoslavia 84 Russia 62.

BOWLS

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: EWBA national championships: Fours: Preliminary round: Leominster (T Powell) bt Blackwell (P Marples) 23-12; Mansfield (GB Restall) bt Edensale (Judy Armstrong) 22-15; Waltham Park (A Gowshall) bt Lowestoft Railway (C Daniels) 18-15; Field Place (W Davies) bt Rocklands White Hart (J Gibson) 30-7; Oxford City and County (I Molyneux) bt Poole Park (N Bennett) 33-7. Bye: Sutton, Surrey (J Watson). First round: Leominster bt Mansfield 17-14; Waltham Park bt Field Place 22-7; Oxford City and County bt Sutton 26-9; Bredon (J Pullen) bt Bushey (J Seller) 22-15; Delston (S Clark) bt Peterborough and Dist (D Kew) 23-14; Bolton (A Morton) bt Feltham (E Morris) 21-16; Hundens (O Harris) bt St Stephen (C Hore) 18-16. Felixstowe and Suffolk (G Rednall) bt Belvedere (L Darani) 24-14; Crediton (D Richards) bt Luton Town (I Barron) 20-16; Carlton Conway (S Offler) bt Kodak (D Brown) 25-14; Cirencester (J Lock) bt Windsor and Eton (V Linton-Phare) 20-18; Kings Heath (A Cox) bt March Cons (J Baxter) 23-9; Western Park (J Needham) bt Plessey (A Procter) 18-9; Bracknell (J Tomlin) bt Mackie (B Durrant) 19-14; Pershore (V Johnson) bt Acle (R Buck) 27-20; Eastnor (V Padlingham) bt Long Eaton Silver Band (N Hazzledine) 23-15; Henlow Park (J Smith) bt Oakhill (M van Put) 20-17; Ashford Town (L Taylor) bt Alderbury (S Frost) 20-15; Enderby (B Cooke) bt Buckhurst Hill (M Langwith) 21-12; Bridport (D Brown) bt Banbury Central (A Norton) 22-21; Chesham (S Springall) bt Swindon Westlecot (R Nicholls) 25-11; Lillington (J Corn) bt Kingsthorpe (V Wade) 18-15; Taunton Deane (J Quick) bt Brentwood (B Morrish) 28-8; York (S Chilton) bt Banister Park (H Schwodler) 24-19; Dunholme (B Heath) bt Clevedon Promenade (L Greeves) 24-16; East Boldon (J Watson) bt Wisham (P Vass) 24-19; Pennyn (G Daniel) bt Summerhill (J Burn) 17-15; Brixham (W Barnard) bt Kettering Lodge (G Mitchell) 25-12; Kingswood and Hanham (C Cloke) bt Springhead Park (J Pindar) 22-18; Atherley (P Sutton) bt Histon (P Stanley) 18-16; Byfleet (N Farber) bt Morpeth (J Hogg) 31-14; Halls (J Lord) bt Sheridin (M Kemidge) 21-18. Second round: Waltham Park bt Leominster 23-11; City and County of Oxford bt Bredon 32-3; Delston bt Bolton 21-20; Felixstowe and Suffolk bt Hundens 22-19; Crediton bt Carlton Conway 31-12; Kings Heath bt Cirencester 20-16; Western Park bt Bracknell 22-14; Eastnor bt Pershore 22-13; Ashford Town bt Henlow Park 21-17; Enderby bt Bridport 18-17; Chesham bt Lillington 33-8; York bt Taunton Deane 25-12; Dunholme bt East Boldon 22-12; Pennyn bt Brixham 23-14; Atherley bt Kingswood and Hanham 17-8; Byfleet bt Halls 20-15.
CLACTON: Essex county finals: Singles: R Bolton (Ilford) bt P Maynard (Essex County) 21-18. Pairs: T Smith and J Stamper (Lionmede) bt D Fulcher and J Seddon (South Benfleet) 23-12. Triples: S Benfleet (J Seddon) bt Essex County (N Birkett) 14-13. Fours: Romford (J Chaney) bt Shoebury Park (P Bates) 24-19.
DONYATT: South Western Counties championship finals: Singles: P Mattravers (Somerset) bt J Searle (Dorset) 21-11. Under-25 singles: N Hope (Wiltshire) bt R Paxton (Devon) 21-15. Pairs: A O'Neill and G Sanders (Devon) bt T Sargent and S Bace (Dorset) 29-19. Triples: B Smith, M Davies and D Fowkes (Somerset) bt P George, S and N Pollard (Cornwall) 18-17. Fours: M Northall, B Deary, R Johnson and J Wickham (Devon) bt M Durrant, G Reid, T Sargent and S Brice (Dorset) 27-19.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of two: Dunstable: Bedfordshire 201-6 and 26-0; Norfolk 239-5 (C J Rogers 69). Cambrai: Wiltshire 467-9 (J L Taylor 101, R H Wade 100, R J Rowe 66; J J C Stephens 4-91) v Cornwall. Hitchin: Lincolnshire 225-3 (J Clarke 110) and 58-0 Hertfordshire 175-9 (D A Christmas 4-49). Aston Rowant: Herefordshire 344 (J P J Sylvester 107; I J Curtis 5-113); Oxfordshire 21-2. Pontardulais: Wales 197; Dorset 239-8 (T W Richings 71; S R Barwick 4-74).
INTER-SERVICE CHAMPIONSHIP: RAF 180-7 (M Bray 77) Army 182-4 (C St George 72 not out, K Ford 58 not out) Army won by six wickets.

EQUESTRIANISM

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW: Kerrygold International Grand Prix: 1, Hopes Are High (N Skelton, GB) clear, 47.69sec; 2, Vink Flower (E van der Vleuten, Holl) clear, 49.95; 3, Limerick W (T Schapers, Ger) clear, 50.35, 4, V L de Stern (J Dubbeldam, Holl) 4 faults, 46.22; 5, Macanudo Very Well St George (P Wylde, US) 4, 48.40; 6, Rubin IX (P Freimueller, Switz) 4, 51.85.
GLOUCESTER: Hartbury College horse trials: 1, Fair Impression 41pts; 2, Swift Song 44; 3, Coney Road 44

FOOTBALL

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Third round draw: Kilmarnock v Livingston; Ross County v Dundee Utd; Motherwell v Ayr; Falkirk v St Johnstone; Hearts v Raith; Hibernian v Aberdeen; Rangers v Alloa; Airdrie v Celtic
CI Ties to be played August 18th and August 19th
ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Ferro Carril Oeste 2 Boca Juniors 4; Lanus 3 Huracan 1; Rosario Central 1 Newell's Old Boys 1; Union 3 Gimnasia La Plata 2; Estudiantes 2 Colon 0.

GOLF

GRAND BLANC, Michigan: Buick Open: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 271: B Mayfair 70, 69, 65, 67 273: S Verplank 71, 67, 71, 64 274: A Magee 69, 71, 70, 64. 275: E Booker 71, 69, 70, 65; T Woods 71, 67, 69, 68. 276: J Sindelar 69, 71, 72, 64; S Stricker 69, 67, 68, 72. 277: J Gallagher 70, 70, 71, 66; B Chamblee 65, 68, 72, 72; V Singh (Fiji) 66, 70, 69, 72, P Stockman 67, 68, 70, 72.
BEAVERCREEK, Ohio: Star Bank LPGA Classic: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 199: M Mallon 64, 67, 68; Dottie Pepper 63, 70, 68 (Mallon won at first play-off hole). 200: D Andrews 67, 65, 68. 201: J Inkster 67, 69, 65. 203: P Sheehan 67, 69, 67. 204: L Walters (Can) 68, 68, 68; T Green 67, 67, 70. 205: M McGann 74, 67, 64; P Hurst 69, 69, 67; T Barrett 69, 67, 69; P Sinn 65, 70, 70.
COON RAPIDS, Minnesota: Coldwell Banker Burnet Senior Classic: Leading final scores (United States unless stated): 134: L Thompson 68, 66; I Aoki (Japan) 66, 68 (Thompson won on second play-off hole). 135: D Stockton 68, 67; H Irwin 65, 70. 137: J Colbert 69, 68, H Green 69, 68; J Mahaffey 69, 68, B Baird 68, 69; D Quigley 68, 69; J Sigel 67, 70.

HOCKEY

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 NATIONS CUP: Division C (in Moscow): Belarus 1 Ukraine 2, Switzerland 9 Georgia 1; Russia 10 Bulgaria 1; Ukraine 3 Georgia 0; Russia 6 Belarus 1, Switzerland 11 Bulgaria 0. Division A (in Belfast): Group A: Ireland 1 Germany 3; England 0 Spain 1. Group B: Holland 8 Ukraine 1; Czech Republic 0 Belarus 0.

LACROSSE

PRAGUE: Women's European championship: Scotland A 17 Germany 0; England A 13 Czech Republic 12; Wales A 8 England B 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford 38 Hull 18; Warrington 18 St Helens 46.

SHOOTING

CALGARY: Alberta Provincial Rifle meeting: Individual event (400, 600 and 800m): 1, D Davies (GB) 150.21pts; 2, G Measures (GB) 149.16; 3, S Birkenhead (GB) 149.12. Team match (800 and 800m): 1, GB Red 1,031.90 (N Bell 148.16); 2, GB Blue 1,021.82 (D Davies GB 148.17): 3, Alberta 1,001.70.

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Swindon 54 Eastbourne 26
PREMIER LEAGUE: Newcastle 40 Reading 50; Peterborough 56 Edinburgh 34
DUNLOP CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Buxton 38 St Austell 53.

SQUASH

ROYAN, France: Exterieur Open: Semi-finals: S Horner (Eng) bt T Bailey (Eng) 9-2, 9-5, 9-0; R Macree (Eng) bt V Atkinson (Holl) 2-9, 2-9, 9-6, 10-8, 9-2. Final: Horner bt Macree 9-1, 9-6, 9-1

TENNIS

TORONTO: Du Maurier Open: Final: P Rafter (Aus) bt R Krajicek (Holl) 7-6, 6-4
SAN MARINO: ATP tournament: First round: J Sánchez (Sp) bt P Angeleri (It) 6-4, 6-2. J Díaz (Sp) bt A Portas (Sp) 6-2, 6-2.
CARLSBAD, California: Toshiba Classic: Final: L Davenport (US) bt M Pierce (Fr) 6-3, 6-1.
WELLESLEY, Massachusetts: Sprint PCS Champions senior tournament: Final: A Gomez (Ec) bt H Leconte (Fr) 7-6, 4-6, 10-3

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.45 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket*

Uefa Cup
Second qualifying round, first leg
Rangers v PAOK Salonika .....
Sigma Olomouc v Kilmarnock (3.30) ....

Worthington Cup
First round, first leg
Barnet v Wolverhampton .....
Birmingham v Millwall .....
Blackpool v Scunthorpe (7.30) .....
Bolton v Hartlepool (8.0) .....
Bournemouth v Colchester .....
Bradford v Lincoln .....
Bristol City v Shrewsbury .....
Bury v Burnley .....
Cambridge Utd v Watford .....
Exeter v Ipswich .....
Fulham v Cardiff .....
Huddersfield v Mansfield .....
Leyton Orient v Bristol Rovers .....
Luton v Oxford Utd .....
* Macclesfield v Stoke .....
Northampton v Brighton .....
Notts County v Manchester City .....
Oldham v Crewe .....
Peterborough v Reading .....
Plymouth v Portsmouth .....
Port Vale v Chester .....
Rotherham v Chesterfield .....
Sheffield Utd v Darlington .....
Southend v Gillingham .....
Stockport v Hull .....
Swansea v Norwich .....
Torquay v Crystal Palace .....
Tranmere v Carlisle .....
Walsall v Queens Park Rangers .....
West Bromwich v Brentford .....
Wigan v Rochdale .....
Wrexham v Halifax (7.30) .....
York v Sunderland .....

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Baldock v Hendon (7.30) Bath v Reading XI (7.0), Billericay v Chelmsford, Crawley v Aldershot Tn, Enfield v Cambridge Utd (7.30); Harrogate Tn v Leeds (7.0), Leek v Nantwich Town (7.30); St Albans v Tottenham; Belper Town v Derby (7.0), Sutton United v Chelsea XI (7.30); Grays v Aveley (7.30); Eastwood Tn v Barnsley (7.30), Lancaster v Barrow (7.30), Trafford v Stalybridge (7.30); Tamworth v Aston Villa (7.30); Berkhamsted Tn v Wingate & Finchley (7.30), Maidenhead v West Ham
PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Derby County v Leicester City (7.0)
MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Senior division: Biggleswade v Letchworth (7.30); Harwell Town v Cockfosters (7.30); Harefield v Greenacres (7.30), Holmer Green v Tring (7.30), Langford v Caddington (7.30); Risborough v Amersham Town (7.30); Shillington v Biggleswade (7.30), Stony Stratford v Leverstock Green (7.30), Tottenhoe v Luton Old Boys (7.30). Winslow v Milton Keynes (7.30)

CRICKET

Tour match
11.0, one day
CANTERBURY: Kent v Sri Lankans

NatWest Trophy
Semi-final
10.30, 60 overs
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Lancashire

WOMEN'S SECOND TEST: First day of four: Harrogate: England v Australia.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Second day of four: Eltham: Kent v Hampshire. Second day of three: Oakham School: Leicestershire v Sussex. First day of four: North Perrott: Somerset v Glamorgan
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of two: Carlisle: Cumberland v Suffolk.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday August 15
Coupon No: fixture, forecast

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP
1 Blackburn v Derby 1
2 Coventry v Chelsea X
3 Everton v Aston Villa 1
4 Man Utd v Leicester 1
5 Middlesbro v Leeds 2
6 Newcastle v Charlton 2
7 Sheff Wed v West Ham 2
8 Wimbledon v Tott'ham X

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION
9 Bolton v Grimsby 1
10 Crewe v Barnsley X
11 Hudd'fld v Port Vale 1
12 Ipswich v Bury 1
13 Oxford v Wolves 2
14 QPR v Bristol C X
15 Stockport v Norwich 2
16 Swindon v Sunderland 2
17 Tranmere v Portsmouth 2
18 Watford v Bradford 1
19 West Brom v Sheff U X

SECOND DIVISION
20 Blackpool v Oldham 1
21 Bristol R v Reading 1
22 Chest'fld v Burnley 2
23 Lincoln v Wigan 1
24 Luton v Preston 1
25 Millwall v Wycombe 1
26 Notts Co v Bourn'mth X
27 Stoke v Macclesfield 1
28 Walsall v North'pton 1
29 Wrexham v Colchester 1
30 York v Gillingham 1

THIRD DIVISION
31 Barnet v Hartlepool 1
32 Brighton v Chester 1
33 Cambridge v Swansea 1
34 Cardiff v Peterboro 1
35 Exeter v Scarboro X
36 Halifax v Brentford 2
37 Hull v Darlington 1
38 Leyton O v Rotherham 1
39 Mansfield v Plymouth 2

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
40 Dunf'mline v Dundee X
41 Rangers v Motherwell 1
42 St J'st'ne v Kilmarn'k X

FIRST DIVISION
43 Ayr v G Morton 1
44 Clydebank v Falkirk 2
45 Hamilton v Airdrie 2
46 Hibernian v Stranraer 1
47 St Mirren v Raith 1

SECOND DIVISION
48 East Fife v Alloa 1
49 Forfar v Partick 2

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Coventry, Wimbledon, Crewe, Queens Park Rangers, West Brom, Luton, Notts County, Exeter, Dunfermline, St Johnstone.
BEST DRAWS: Wimbledon, Crewe, West Brom, Luton, Notts County.
AWAYS: Charlton, West Ham, Sunderland, Burnley, Plymouth.
HOMES: Blackburn, Everton, Bolton, Ipswich, Bristol Rovers, Millwall, Wrexham, Barnet, Brighton.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Blackburn, Bolton, Bristol Rovers, Barnet, Brighton. Aways: West Ham, Sunderland, Burnley. Draws: Wimbledon, West Brom, Luton.

■ Vince Wright

Vince Wright's Fixed Odds away selections, Birmingham, Luton and Leyton Orient, were all correct last Saturday

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RUGBY UNION: ROWELL AND DWYER IN FRAME TO COACH TROUBLED BRISTOL

Pugh holds key to British league

By Mark Souster

PRESSURE is mounting on Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the International Rugby Board (IRB), to ensure that the proposed British league is not still-born.

While the concept of a 20-strong league involving England, Wales and Scotland has been greeted with almost universal approval as a panacea for the game's ills, Pugh's initial hostility, and his insistence that the English clubs drop their legal submission to the European Court, is considered a significant stumbling block to progress.

Brain Baister, the chairman of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) management board, met Glanmor Griffiths, the president of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), at Twickenham yesterday, although it is uncertain what progress if any was made; it appears that Griffiths felt unable to make a decision about WRU involvement without reference to Pugh, who is in Argentina.

Before the meeting, Baister conceded that whether the league was successful depended on other unions. "The door is waiting to be pushed open," he said.

Yesterday's meeting was never intended to be the summit gathering between the home unions at which the league would be born. The picture emerging is far more complex than at first envisaged, with numerous vested interests to be dealt with. It is now believed that there is at least one dissenting voice within the RFU questioning Scottish involvement.

The English clubs, who meet today, are prepared to back a British league and play in the European Cup this season under its present guise provided that they receive guarantees and assurances, as have the French, over the future organisation and control of the tournament.

Elsewhere yesterday, Kevin Maggs, the Ireland international centre, left troubled Bristol to join Bath. Bristol, who are due to name their new coach tomorrow, also lost Mike Worlsey, a prop forward, to Gloucester.

While he faces stiff competition from Jerry Guscott and Phil de Glanville for a midfield place, Maggs considers that the move to the Recreation Ground will boost his career. The departure of Maggs and Worsley follows that of David Corkery, the Ireland flank forward, who has joined Cork Constitution.

Jack Rowell, the former Bath and England coach, and Bob Dwyer, formerly at Leicester and the coach of Australia's 1991 World Cup-winning side, are both in contention for the vacancy at Bristol. Nick de Scossa, who has been heading the consortium that has ensured the club's survival, on behalf of a mystery businessman, said: "Both the candidates are extremely well-known coaches, both are out of the game at the moment and both are former national team coaches.

"Jack Rowell obviously has a head-start because he is in this part of the world. We want to be able to attract players here who will develop for international rugby.

"We need a name, we need someone who is a winner, who has done it all before because we don't want to go through this again in a year's time after blowing £1 million."

MOTOR RALLYING: SCOT TO LEAVE SUBARU NEXT YEAR FOR £6 MILLION SALARY

McRae shifts his focus to Ford

By Kevin Eason

TOUSSAINT CANAZZI

McRae has negotiated a deal with Ford that makes him Britain's best-paid racing driver, ahead of Damon Hill

WORLD champions do not come cheap and Colin McRae yesterday announced that he was joining Ford on a contract that will make him Britain's best-paid driver.

McRae has been negotiating in secret for weeks to leave the Subaru 555 team, with which he won the world rally championship in 1995. As he celebrated his 30th birthday last week, the finishing touches were being put to a two-year deal worth a salary estimated at £6 million. That will give McRae annual earnings bigger than even Damon Hill, the 1996 Formula One world champion, who is paid around £4.5 million at Jordan, or David Coulthard, the Formula One championship contender, thought to have a $2 million-a-year contract (around £1.3 million) with McLaren Mercedes.

But McRae knows his worth and Ford have made such a powerful commitment to winning the world championship next year, it was an offer he could not refuse and that they had to make. Ford has ploughed the biggest budget in rallying into its new car, which will be based on the Focus, the replacement for the Escort that is launched as a road car this year.

A team of hand-picked engineers is developing the car in Bedfordshire under the guidance of Malcolm Wilson, the former British rally champion, who has masterminded the resurgence in Ford's fortunes in world rallying. Wilson rates McRae as probably the best driver of his generation.

McRae shrugs off the suggestion, but he clearly understands his market value in a sport not blessed with colourful personalities who can blend success on the circuit with attention off it from eager sponsors. "The key thing is that I want to win the world championship again and I need a team who will help me towards that," he said.

He was so close last year, failing by a point, though the tensions within the Subaru 555 team were evident even then. Dave Richards, head of the Prodrive company that runs the Subarus and the man who put McRae on the world stage, understood fully how the Scot's frustrations would often boil over into a tantrum.

But McRae can be as approachable as he is sometimes taciturn and uncommunicative. In London recently to launch his new video game, he was tanned and lean and confident that he could leave Subaru on the high of a world championship. He lies second with five rounds to go, starting in Finland later this month.

"Really we were robbed last year. It was a bad year which had a lot to do with our engines," McRae said, "but we have had consistency this year, which is helping a lot. The car is still very competitive and we have a very good, strong, experienced team. I am looking forward to finishing the season on a high."

Wilson wants McRae's ability to develop a car to help make the Focus a winner from the start. The Focus shares nothing with the Escort, so McRae must ensure that the new model is not trounced by the highly-developed Subarus, Toyotas and Mitsubishis, as well as the Peugeots, which join the fray next year.

McRae's move should also allow Richard Burns to move into his vacated No 1 seat at Subaru, boosting his chances of adding to his Safari Rally victory this year. McRae rates his British rival highly. "He really just needs to win a few rallies to get his confidence," he said. McRae's status as the most sought-after rally driver in the world has brought rewards including a baronial hall in Lanarkshire, a house in Monaco and an apartment in the Verbier ski resort.

His new contract cements his place in the rallying league table, although it will be meaningless without another world championship, if not this year then in 1999 with Ford. "All I want is to be competitive and win the world championship," he said. "I know I can and I will be around for a while yet, so it is achievable."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Franchise hopefuls await final decision

By Christopher Irvine

THE franchise battle, which looks to favour Cardiff and Gateshead, will finally be resolved tomorrow, when the 12 existing clubs in the JJB Super League decide who to admit next season and how to divide the financial cake.

Directors of the Rugby Football League and Super League Europe (SLE), the top clubs' marketing arm, who met in Leeds yesterday, are basing their recommendation to the clubs on a report by accountants Deloitte and Touche.

There is support for the Swansea bid, significantly from Cardiff. Maurice Lindsay, the SLE managing director, has hinted, too, that he would like both prospective Welsh sides on board. The danger, however, is of rugby league overreaching itself in Wales, where it has a history of coming to grief.

On the other hand, attendances for the Super League roadshow matches at Gateshead were poor and led Lindsay to suggest that it might miss out, for which he was condemned by his own board.

Chris Caisley, the SLE chairman, denied that it is a case of expansion at all costs. "We have to be convinced that they want the sport for its own sake, as much as the business point of view," he said.

Under the newly agreed Super League deal with News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, clubs receive £733,000 a season.

WORD WATCH

Answers from page 35

1 **FRANKALMOIGN**
(a) The feudal levy, after the Norman Conquest and all that, was the service required by the feudal lord. It was dependent on homage or tenure. The clergy held their land by a form of tenure called Frankalmoign. The Clergy usually performed their duty by deputy or paid a composition.

OERLIKON
(b) A light automatic 20mm weapon firing ca. 500 rounds per minute. It could not be used among friendly ground forces because the shell did not self-destroy (as Bofors did at 4000 yards). It was used extensively in the merchant service, at Gibraltar, and by the American troops advancing in Tunisia in 1943. Swiss made.

BETELGEUSE
(c) One of the feet in the constellation Orion. A remote red supergiant, the second brightest in the constellation. Betelegeuse is a semi-regular variable, with a period of about 5.5 years. Its normal magnitude is 0.3 to 0.9. It is a strong source of infra-red.

DOMINANT SEVENTH
(c) A chord of the dominant with 3rd, 5th and 7th. In the key of C major it will be G-B-D-F. It is a discord and must be "resolved" typically to C-E-G. It is used frequently in accompaniments to light songs and in recitatives in classical oratorio.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1. Qe4+ Kg7; 2. Qxe8! Qxe8; 3. d7 and the pawn promotes.

GOLF

Cup team welcome Matthew

LAURA DAVIES is looking forward to welcoming Catriona Matthew aboard Europe's Solheim Cup team after the Scot's impressive win in the McDonald's WPGA Championship of Europe at Gleneagles at the weekend. With four sub-par rounds, the 28-year-old posted a 12-under-par total of 276 to win by five shots from Davies and Helen Alfredsson, from Sweden, who won last year.

Victory lifted Matthew to No 6 in the Solheim Cup rankings with only two ranking events to come before the top seven are automatically selected for the match against the United States at Muirfield Village, Ohio, next month. "After this week, Catriona must be a certainty for the team," Davies said.

After her closing round of 69, three under par, on Sunday, Matthew said: "This is easily the best day of my career. "To hold off the challenge from world-class players such as Laura and Helen makes it extra special."

Meg Mallon made par at the first play-off hole against Dottie Pepper to win the Star Bank LPGA Classic on Sunday — her first victory since 1996. Mallon and Pepper had both finished on 199, 17 under par.

☐ Bernhard Langer said yesterday that he had withdrawn from the US PGA Championship, which starts in Seattle, Washington, on Thursday, because of a sore neck.

EQUESTRIANISM

Great Britain face a difficult hurdle

From Jenny MacArthur in Aachen, Germany

THE beleaguered Great Britain showjumping team, still without a win in the Samsung Nations Cup series this season, will have their work cut out if they are to rectify that record at the Aachen International Show this week. The show, which is celebrating its hundredth anniversary, is the toughest on the circuit. With ten of the sport's leading teams competing, the Nations Cup on Friday will be a dress rehearsal for the world championships in Rome in October.

With Britain only twelfth in the series — their lowest ever placing — the selectors have virtually given up hope of qualifying for the final in Germany in September. Michael Bullman, the chairman of the selectors, said yesterday: "Our priority now must be the world championships, where we have to finish in the top six to qualify for the Sydney Olympic Games."

John Whitaker, winner of the coveted Aachen Grand Prix last year on Welham, heads the team that will attempt to salvage British pride. Welham is still not back to full fitness, but Whitaker has an improving second string in Virtual Village Heyman, a nine-year-old Dutch-bred gelding who made his Nations Cup debut at Hickstead last month.

Geoff Billington and Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, both have their top horses, It's Otto and Virtual Village Two Step. But the absence of Nick Skelton and Di Lampard from the squad has given two less experienced riders, Rob Hoekstra and Mark Armstrong, the chance to compete. Armstrong, 37, a protégé of Fred Welch, is likely to fill the fourth spot in the Nations Cup team. He made his Aachen debut in 1993 on Corella, the year that he was selected ahead of David Broome for the team for the European championships, but has not competed there since.

Armstrong, who said that he is "surprised and delighted" to find himself in the squad, is confident that Primma, his nine-year-old mare, will cope with the demanding courses expected this week. "She's always gone well at Hickstead and that's as near as you can get to Aachen," he said.

John Whitaker: task

Although France still leads the Nations Cup series, it is Germany who will start as favourites on Friday. The resolve of the Olympic, world and European champions is never sharper than when they are competing in front of the Aachen crowd.

TELEVISION CHOICE

The hard man uncovered

This Wonderful Life
Channel 5, 8.00pm

Eight years as nasty Grant in *EastEnders* has turned Ross Kemp from a relatively unknown actor to a media celebrity, whose doings off the screen are as much an object of attention as his appearances on it. Taking its cue from the tabloid press, this profile does its best to reveal the "real" Ross Kemp, establishing that he plays rugby and supports new Labour, but, like the tabloids, discovers that Kemp dislikes the media and considers his private life to be private. So the programme has to fall back on what Kemp's fans already know, that women find him attractive despite (or even because of) his bald head and that he has also become an icon of the gay community. The question for the future is whether he can move on from *EastEnders* or, like so many soap stars before him, he is irretrievably typecast.

Absolutely Animals
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Wendy Turner rounds off the current series of the animal magazine with a trip to Thailand. Here she calls on a hospital which looks after elephants made redundant by being banned from working in the logging industry. To compound an already sad tale, many of the beasts are addicted to amphetamines given to them to make them work harder.. Back home, meanwhile, Simon White, *Absolutely Animals*'s resident vet, is treating three regular patients for the problems of old age. They are cats, a mother which is 20 years old and her 17-year-old kittens. Another regular, the animal warden Dawn Sammons, shows us some of the creatures she looks after at home, and there are suggestions for saving Britain's rarest farmyard and working breeds.

Equinox: Thin Air
Channel 4, 9.00pm

At the top of Everest the air is so thin that it cannot sustain life. For every six people who reach the summit of Everest, one dies. Scientists believe there is a connection, and attribute many of the deaths to hypoxia, a lack of oxygen to the brain which can result in loss of judgment, disorientation and hallucinations. To test the theory, three American climbers set off to conquer Everest, their progress monitored to establish the effects of altitude. Two of the three have been to the top before but David Carter's only previous attempt was unsuccessful. He becomes the main focus of attention. At 19,500 feet, nearly 10,000 feet below the summit, he is already struggling with simple "true or false" tests. Further on he develops a violent cough. But the main drama occurs on the descent when Carter's throat gets blocked and he comes near to death.

Wendy Turner visits a hospital for retired elephants in Thailand (C4, 8.00pm)

Watch This or the Dog Dies
BBC2, 9.30pm

The premise of this jaunty retrospective is that something called Youth TV suddenly emerged towards the end of the 1980s and is already dead, though its influence lives on in the style of mainstream programmes. Channel 4's *Network Seven* set the pattern: a mixture of information and entertainment served up with dizzying camerawork, eccentric graphics and a team of young and untried presenters. The BBC moved in, recruited one of *Network Seven*'s begetters, Janet Street-Porter, and launched its own youth shows. Channel 4 retorted with *The Word*, which scaled new heights of tastlessness. The attempt to talk to 16- to 24-year-olds in their own language finally foundered when figures showed that more of them watched *One Foot in the Grave* than anything Street-Porter could think up. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Pity About Kitty
Radio 4, 2.15pm

"A wonderful sense of the comic, a farce almost", says Dora Bryan, wearing her staff nurse's cap, one of the three hats she sports in this slightly grey comedy, written by Jimmie Cairn. She could be talking about the play itself, though she is actually referring to the lighter side of hospital nursing. The darker side is represented by an unfortunate incident at the hospital in which, to quote the staff nurse who is about to face a tribunal, "a poor old sod" of a male patient "turned up for a couple of injections in the bum and went home in a coffin". Bryan's two other roles are the hospital's ward manager and its director of nursing — another two shop windows for her to display her celebrated comical skills.

The Rank School of Charmers
Radio 2, 9.00pm

The 1960s saw the demise of the Rank Organisation's so-called "Charm School" and not many tears were shed at its funeral. The idea behind it wasn't all that bad. The organisation believed that to make stars out of its repertory company of young performers, it wouldn't do any harm (indeed, it might do some good) if they were groomed for stardom in the Hollywood style. Where it all went wrong was when Rank failed to turn out the kind of worthwhile movies that might have completed the star-making process. Rank also forgot that charm, like beauty, often lies in the eye of the beholder. Tonight's documentary, is presented by George Baker who was not one of the "charm school" graduates. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow. With Republica in Hunstanton. Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 6.30 The Evening Session 8.30 Digital Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 12.00 The Breezeblock 2.00am Charlie Jordan 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wogan 8.30 Johnnie Walker 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Alex Lester 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Carl Davis Classics 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 The Rank School of Charmers. See Choice 10.00 Giant Strides 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Annie Otheri

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Any Sporting Questions? A panel of sporting celebrities take questions from a studio audience at Firhill, the the home of Glasgow's Partick Thistle Football Club 9.00 Extra Time. Sports quiz, recalling the 1971 defeat of Don Revie's Leeds by Fourth Division Colchester 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Chris Evans 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Robin Banks 7.30 Ray Cokes 10.00 Paul Coyte 1.30am Peter Poulton 4.30 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

5.30am The New Talk Radio Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 11.00 Lorraine Kelly 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Nick Abbot 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins and the Creatures of the Night 5.00 Bill Overton

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 Insight 7.30 About Face 8.00 News 8.15 Off The Shelf 8.30 Welcome to my World 8.45 The Lab 9.00 News; (648 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Musical of the Week 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Stories from the Afterlife 10.30 Looking at Literature: Much Ado About Nothing 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 On Screen 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm About Face 1.00 News; (648 only) News in German 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Health Matters 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack HB List 4.00 News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Westway 4.30 The Greenfield Collection; (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 Heads And Tails; (648 only) News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 One Planet 8.00 News 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Megamix 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian Live 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Insight 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Megamix 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Farming World 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Discovery 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Meridian Live 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The World Today 5.00 The World Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 8.00 Henry Kelly. Includes the Record of the Week and the High Flyer 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones introduces listeners' favourite pieces 2.00pm Concerto. Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G major) 3.00 Michael Mappin. Music, travel, sport and business news. Plus Afternoon Romance and Continuous Classics 6.30 Newsnight. Arts issues and news updates, with Anne-Marie Minhat 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. John Brunning introduces two hours of easy-listening sounds 9.00 Evening Concert. (Beethoven: Wellington's Victory); Bernstein (Halil); Shostakovich (Symphony No 8); Johann Strauss II (Adventure at War) 11.00 Mann at Night. Music and chat for the early hours 2.00am Concerto 3.00 Mark Griffiths

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air**, with Petroc Trelawny. Includes Falla (Nights in the Gardens of Spain); Mozart (Overture: The Marriage of Figaro)
9.00 **Masterworks**, with Peter Hobday. Includes Walton (Facade Suite No 1); Mozart (Clarinet Concerto in A, K622); Monteverdi (Six madrigals from Book One); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV547); Weill (Suite: The Threepenny Opera)
10.30 **Proms Artist of the Week: Thomas Allen**
11.00 **Sound Stories: Classical Heroines.** Peggy Reynolds introduces music inspired by Helen of Troy. Includes Gluck (Paride ed Elena, excerpt); Offenbach (La belle Helene, excerpt); Strauss (Die agyptische Helena, excerpt); Boito (Mefistofele, excerpt)
12.00 **Proms Composer of the Week: Berlioz**
1.00pm **The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert.** Introduced by Nicola Heywood Thomas. Bingham Quartet. Beethoven (String Quartet in C minor, Op 18 No 4); Shostakovich (String Quartet No 3, Op 73).
2.00 **BBC Proms 98.** Last Friday's Prom (r)
4.00 **Choral Voices: The Bach Family.** Music from Johann Sebastian Bach and five of his relatives. BBC Singers. Stephen Farr, organ, under Stephen Cleobury
4.45 **Music Machine**, with Tommy Pearson (r)
5.00 **In Tune.** Sean Rafferty investigates plans to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Sir Hubert Parry
7.30 **BBC Proms 98.** Evelyn Glennie, percussion, Islington Music Centre Children's Choir, Philharmonia under Leonard Slatkin. Slatkin (Housewarming, first European performance); Schwantner (Percussion Concerto) 8.10 Memories of Elgar. Elgar's godson Wulstan Atkins talks to Brian Kay (r) 8.20 Concert, part two. Elgar (Symphony No 2 in E flat)
9.50 **Postscript: Novel Concerns.** How the daughters of Virginia Woolf and Angela Carter set out to undo patriarchal narrative (r)
10.15 **Thomas Whythorne, Gent.** Robert Hardy reads from the Elizabethan musician Whythorne's biography, one of the first of its type in English (r)
10.45 **Intruder in the Dust.** To mark the centenary of the birth of the American writer William Faulkner, Diane Roberts travels to the heart of Mississippi to investigate the man and his work (r)
11.30 **Jazz Notes.** The first of two excerpts from a concert given by the Dutch Swing College Band as part of the 1998 Wigan Jazz Festival
12.00 **Proms Composer of the Week: Elgar** (r)
1.00am **Through the Night**, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

6.00am **Today**, with Alex Brodie and James Naughtie. Includes 6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
9.00 **On the Ropes: Ian Oliver.** John Humphrys talks to six more successful people who have weathered storms in their careers. Ian Oliver, the chief constable of Grampian Police, faced demands for his resignation after a series of damning reports into the force's efficiency
9.30 **Diaries of Today.** The Rev Anita Thorne is the first female minister to work at the Young Offenders' Institute at Portland Bill
9.45 (FM) **JRR Tolkien's Roweandom.** Neil Pearson reads the tale of a dog who is turned into a toy as a result of being impolite to a wizard (2/5)
9.45 (LW) **Daily Service**
10.00 **News; Woman's Hour**, with Martha Kearney
11.00 **News; The New Potato Famine.** Could rural communities be hit by a new form of potato blight? (r)
11.30 **Grease Monkeys.** The second of a four-part comedy drama by Hanwant Bains. With Bhasker Patel, Neha K Nayar and Akbar Kurtha
12.00 **News; You and Yours**, with Liz Barclay and John Waite 12.57 Weather
12.00 (LW) **News Headlines; Shipping Forecast**
1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke
1.30 **Points of Law.** New series in which Huw Edwards cross-examines top lawyers Mark Stephens and Eileen Pembridge and their guests in a battle of legal wits (1/8)
2.00 **News; The Archers** (r)
2.15 **Afternoon Play: Pity About Kitty.** See Choice
3.00 **News; The Exchange.** Call 0171-580 4444. Robin Lustig invites your views on today's topical issue
3.30 **Walls of Fame.** The house where Robert Louis Stevenson spent most of his life
3.45 **Obsession: The Perfect Host**, by Kit Wright
4.00 **News; A Good Read.** Thomas Sutcliffe and his guests, the novelist Deborah Moggach and the broadcaster Trevor Phillips, talk about three of their favourite paperbacks
4.30 **Shop Talk**, with Heather Payton and guests
5.00 **PM** 5.54 (LW) Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **The Nualas.** Irish singing trio the Nualas present their charismatic blend of music, chat and comedy in a new comedy show
7.00 **News; The Archers** 7.15 **Front Row.** The live nightly arts show
7.45 **Dear Jayne Browne**, by Michael Butt (r)
8.00 **News; Face the Facts.** John Waite and his team of investigators follow up listeners' complaints
8.40 **In Touch**, with Peter White
9.00 **News; The Healers: The Emergency Services.** Our image of the Accident and Emergency department is based on television programmes. Niall Dickson wonders: is this anything like the truth?
9.30 **On the Ropes** (r)
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Fame is the Spur**, by Howard Spring, read by David Calder (7/10)
11.00 **Late Night on 4: Goodness Gracious Me.** A six-part series of the award-winning Asian sketch show. The Sindi Dolls wave Daddy's gold card at the shops. Starring Sanjeev Bhaskar, Kulvinder Ghir, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia (3/6) (r)
11.30 **Talking Pictures**, with Russell Davies
12.00 **News** 12.30am **The Late Book: The Shipping News**, by E Annie Proulx. Quoyle is settled now, in the Newfoundland home of his ancestors. But the old house still harbours too many ghosts (7/10) (r)
12.48 **Shipping Forecast** 1.00 **As World Service**
5.30 **World News** 5.35 **Shipping Forecast**
5.40 **Inshore Forecast** 5.45 **Prayer for the Day**
5.47 **Farming Today**, with Anna Hill

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Delusions, drugs and a discredited doctor

REVIEW

Joe Joseph

Barry Austin of Birmingham is so fat that you only have to look at him to know that his favourite food is seconds. At 47 stone, he's the heaviest man in Britain. He is almost large enough to qualify for his own postcode. If he *has* ever watched Rosemary Conley's hip and thigh exercise video, he obviously didn't realise that it was not the sort of video you watch slouched on the sofa, funnelling pizza down your throat.

He told Angus Deayton in the final episode of **The Temptation Game** (BBC1) that: "I get all miserable and really freaked out when I'm not eating." So he must rarely be miserable. John Owen, the landlord of his local, says: "Barry'll come in here, he'll start nice and quietly: 19 pints of Snakebite; ten BMWs, which is Bailey's, Malibu and whisky; ten large vodkas; eight large Bacardis; six bottles of Coke; eight bottles of orange." The man behind the counter at the Hygienic Fish Saloon (slogan: "We're too busy frying haddock to think of a less stupid name"), filled us in on Barry's taste for a pre-supper snack: "A couple of kebabs. And while he used to wait for the kebabs he used to eat a saveloy. And a spring roll. And he used to have a piece of fish as well, to nibble on the way home."

His food intake has recently shrunk, after his stomach was tricked into feeling fuller by the insertion of a balloon (maybe one of Branson's spares). But at the height of his eating, Barry downed 43,000 calories a day — which, for those of you who follow a healthier diet, is roughly equivalent to two million lettuces. Claudia Schiffer eats less in an entire year.

Deayton was using Barry Austin's obesity as an example of the perils of succumbing to temptation, and how food can become as addictive as a drug. But it was only when Barry announced "I don't think I *am* overweight, I think I'm a slim person", that I realised that kebabs and saveloys almost certainly have at least as strong an hallucinogenic effect as the plant that was being investigated in Channel 4's **Sacred Weeds**.

If you've never been accosted on dark street corners by somebody offering you *salvia divinorum*, that's because it's native only to a small part of Mexico, where the Mazatec Indians like to chew it during religious rituals. Too scared to monitor the effects first-hand, two anthropologists, a psychiatrist and a pharmacologist gave the drug to a couple of human guinea-pigs and then asked *them* how it felt.

The answer? Quite pleasant, but clearly not the same kind of hallucinogenic hit you get from 43,000 calories a day. But what was startling was how the academics' observational research achieved the mind-bending effect of making recreational drug-taking seem dull. And why didn't they just ask the Mazatec Indians what it felt like?

You could see why Carlos Castaneda stuck to the peyote favoured by Yaqui Indians — a powerful drug which, only a short time after ingestion, had the cataclysmic effect of turning Castaneda into a bestselling author in his native California.

But an infinitely more dismal and painful insight into what academics will do in the name of research came in **Secret History: Kinsey's Paedophiles** (Channel 4). We have known for some time that the first "scientist" of human sexual behaviour was a flawed man. But *Secret History* laid bare just how shameless and misguided Alfred Kinsey had been to use the detailed private diaries of a predatory paedophile as the scientific evidence for his claims that children often enjoyed sexual contact with adults.

He wrote in one book: "The adult contacts are a source of pleasure to some children and sometimes may arouse the child erotically and bring it to orgasm. It is difficult to understand why a child — except for its cultural conditioning — should be disturbed at having its genitalia touched." Is it really that difficult?

Perhaps it is if you rely for information, as Kinsey did, on a rapacious paedophile like Rex King, a US Government land examiner whose job took him across Arizona and New Mexico. These trips gave King plenty of opportunity to prey on young boys and girls. He molested more than 800 of them, although — as Kinsey's reseachers recalled — King would have sex with just about any person or animal that was handy. He'd already been through most of his relatives.

He kept detailed records of his encounters. Kinsey was thrilled. He wrote to King: "I congratulate you on the research spirit which has led you to collect data over these many years. Everything that you have accumulated must find its way into scientific channels."

Kinsey saw King's data as a gold mine, proving that children were sexual beings from birth: but it wasn't scientific data, it was just a catalogue of child torture. Drawing conclusions from this data was, at best, like making jewellery from gold stolen from the fillings of those gassed in Nazi concentration camps.

At worst, the data was scientifically worthless: it didn't seem to occur to Kinsey that asking paedophiles if their victims enjoyed sex wasn't likely to produce the most objective answers. How did Kinsey accept their testimony that the children's quivering and yelping was evidence of orgasm rather than of revulsion and fear?

So why, then, wasn't there a public outcry when this drivel on children's sexuality was published 50 years ago? Paradoxically, it may have been due to the very ignorance about sex that Kinsey was trying to dispel. Now that really does blow your mind!

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (40817)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (37091)
9.00 Kilroy (T) (6920053)
9.40 What Now? A would-be stand-up comedian and a single mother considering a move to Italy (T) (1067343)
10.05 Easy Money With Fern Britton, John Burgess, Angela Rippon and Geoffrey Thompson (1284091)
10.30 The Rankin Challenge Chef Paul Rankin helps an American prepare a feast for a Thanksgiving party (30527)
11.00 News (T) and weather (7619850)
11.05 Good Living (r) (T) (4927492)
11.30 All Over the Shop (r) (4465411)
11.55 News (T) (2018614)
12.00 Every Second Counts (r) (T) (21879)
12.30pm A Word in Your Ear With novelist Frances Edmonds, sports presenter Dickie Davies, journalist Carol Thatcher and cartoonist Bill Tidy (r) (T) (40492)
1.00 News (T) and weather (88850)
1.30 Regional News (T) (46488633)
1.40 Neighbours (T) (27816091)
2.05 Perry Mason (r) (T) (9313430)
3.35 Pingu (r) (1982121) **3.40** Playdays (r) (3598362) **4.00** Popeye (r) (3547188) **4.10** Gadget Boy (r) (5768508) **4.35** Round the Twist (r) (T) (3253411) **5.00** Newsround (T) (2200237) **5.10** Byker Grove (r) (T) (7133966)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (439072)
6.00 News (T) and weather (898)
6.30 Regional News (T) (850)
7.00 Holidays Out Bournemouth; Leeds; a French chateau; a Devon treasure-hunt; and the delights of Cornwall (T) (6072)
7.30 EastEnders Louise gets a hostile response from former husband Terry when she demands a share of his money (T) (362)
8.00 Vets In Practice: Holding On Trudie Mostue prepares to perform a tricky operation on a German shepherd with cancer (T) (2492)
8.30 Crime Beat: Possessions Martyn Lewis reports on the latest developments in the fight against domestic burglary (T) (1527)
9.00 News (T) and weather (8411)
9.30 Maisie Raine: Go Bananas The stalking of a TV game show host seems an ideal case for trainee detective Kyprianou to cut his teeth on, but Maisie soon regrets her decision to have him follow the investigation (T) (749121)
10.20 Crimewatch UK Update on three cases solved with the help of viewers presented by Nick Ross and Jill Dando (550459)
11.05 Chicago Hope: Stand Sutton tries to help the staff come to terms with the loss of Geiger. Guest-starring Richard Pryor and Carol Kane (T) (122985)
12.00 Eye of the Needle (1981) with Donald Sutherland, Kate Nelligan and Christopher Cazenove. A German spy with information which could scupper the D-Day landings is stranded on a small Scottish island and falls for a sexually frustrated local woman. Directed by Richard Marquand (911909)
1.40am Weather (6422305)
1.45 BBC News 24

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BBC2

6.10am Poetry and Landscape (T) (7365508) **6.35** Greenberg on Art Criticism (3976879)
7.00 Open a Door (r) (8430053) **7.05** Teletubbies (r) (8757492) **7.30** Bertha (r) (2094701) **7.45** Smurfs' Adventures (r) (5141343) **8.10** X-Men (r) (T) (2827169) **8.35** Tom and Jerry Kids (9241492) **9.05** Kenan and Kel (r) (4014576) **9.30** Ocean Odyssey (r) (77546) **10.00** Teletubbies (r) (1283362)
10.25 Cricket: NatWest Trophy — Hampshire v Lancashire Live coverage of today's 60-overs-per-side first semi-final at Southampton (25058614)
12.45pm The Beechgrove Garden Hardy annuals for the summer; planting up hanging baskets; and permaculture a technique which removes the need for digging (r) (662362)
1.15 Cricket: NatWest Trophy — Hampshire v Lancashire Further live coverage from Southampton. Includes news and weather at 2.40 and 3.25 (47803817)
7.30 Walden on Heroes Brian Walden casts a critical eye over Winston Churchill's reputation (r) (T) (904)
8.00 Meet the Ancestors: Bones in the Barnyard The remains of two crouched bodies discovered in a remote Somerset village, where DNA experts provide a link with the Iron Age (r) (T) (3362)
8.30 WALES: Dad's Army (r) (T) (3362)
8.30 Ground Force A Warwick couple's garden, which has come to resemble a rubbish tip, is transformed (T) (9189)
9.00 Dad's Army Jones is deemed unfit for duty (b/w) (r) (T) (8053)

Janet Street-Porter founder of "yoof" television (9.30pm)

9.30 Watch This or the Dog Dies: The History of Youth TV The influence on mainstream TV of youth-orientated programmes. With contributions from 'yoof' icons Janet Street-Porter, Sara Cox, Jo Whiley and Adam and Joe (929430)
10.10 The Car's the Star: The E Type (r) (T) (716695)
10.30 Newsnight (T) (969343)
11.15 Cricket: NatWest Trophy Highlights (488053)
12.05 The Panhandler A tramp discovers a fortune hidden in a New York subway (3126725)
12.25 Weather (2654134)
12.30 Learning Zone: O U: The Spiral of Silence (95367) **1.00** The Programmers (24928) **1.30** To Engineer is Human (62676) **2.00** Historical Figures 3: Royalty (45589) **4.00** The Travel Hour: The Italian Riviera and Bologna (85909) **5.00** Business and Training: Career Moves (2997893) **5.45** O U: Patterns in the Dust and Batteries Included (97305)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (5446166)
9.25 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (3973275)
10.30 Return to the Blue Lagoon (1991) With Milla Jovovich and Brian Krause. Romantic sequel in which a young boy and girl grow up alone together in an island paradise. Directed by William A. Graham (83357492)
12.20pm Regional News (T) (9011966)
12.30 News (T) and weather (75188)
1.00 Shortland Street (32546) **1.30** Home and Away (T) (74459) **2.00** Lunch in the Sun (8875879) **2.45** Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (646324)
3.15 News (T) (4521430)
3.20 Regional News (T) (4528343)
3.25 Tots TV (4518966) **3.35** Jamboree (2866730) **3.45** Wolves, Witches and Giants (8787306) **4.00** Dastardly and Muttley in Their Flying Machines (9508324) **4.15** Extreme Ghostbusters (5785275) **4.40** Minty (5908343)
5.10 WALES: People and Pets (1715459)
5.10 What's My Line? (1715459)
5.40 News (T) and weather (312966)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (722695)
6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (943817)
6.25 HTV Weather (356701)
6.30 The West Tonight (546)
7.00 Emmerdale Scott Windsor returns to Emmerdale (T) (1140)
7.30 WALES: See It While You Can (430)
7.30 Take 3 (430)
8.00 The Bill McCann and Santini clash over a case in which a young black youth is viciously assaulted (T) (7188)
8.30 Loved By You Michael and Kate try to befriend their new neighbours (T) (8695)

Sean Connery uncovers the truth in Florida (9.00pm)

9.00 Just Cause (1995) with Sean Connery, Blair Underwood, Laurence Fishburne and Kate Capshaw. A Harvard law professor is reluctantly drawn into the case of a young black man on death row in Florida for the rape and murder of a girl. Directed by Aren Gilmcher. **Continues after the News** (9492)
10.00 News (T) and weather (40904)
10.30 Regional News (T) (477643)
10.40 FILM: Just Cause Conclusion of tonight's film (T) (717817)
11.35 Midnight Caller (734879)
12.35am So You Think You're Irish? (9804819)
1.05 Planet Rock Profiles (9956744)
1.35 Best of British Motor Sport (9240947)
2.00 Naked Fury (b/w, 1959) crime drama with Reed de Rouen; Kenneth Cope and Leigh Madison. Directed by Charles Saunders (5918034)
3.05 Football Extra (5457831) **4.00** Ed's Night Party (21254657) **4.25** Soundtrax (28330589) **4.30** Nightscreen **5.30** News

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
1.00pm A Country Practice (32546)
1.30 Lunch in the Sun (7553140)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1715459)
6.25-7.00 Central News (943317)
7.30-8.00 The Tuesday Special (430)
11.40 Renegade (828053)
12.35am Stash (9946367)
1.10 Planet Rock Profiles (9955015)
1.40 Best of British Motor Sport (8180763)
2.15 FILM: Naked Fury (237657)
3.15 Nationwide Football League Extra (226541)
4.15 Central Jobfinder '98 (9403015)
5.20 Asian Eye (1632218)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.15pm-12.30 News (6415508)
1.00 Emmerdale (32546)
1.30 Lunch in the Sun (7553140)
5.08 Birthday People (5253740)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1715459)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (50879)
7.30-8.00 Peter Gordon for Starters (430)
11.35 Movie Show Special: Wyatt Earp (851695)
12.05am Love at First Sight (9636522)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
10.25 Justice of the Land (5074879)
11.25 Blue Heelers (8289188)
5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (1715459)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (966)
6.30-7.00 Heritage: Love It or Lose It (546)
7.30-8.00 Quids In (430)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (828053)
5.00am Freescreen (79980)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
10.25 Justice of the Land (5074879)
11.25 Blue Heelers (8289188)
12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (9113701)
1.00-1.30 Dinosaurs (32546)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1715459)
6.23 Anglia Weather (357430)
6.25-7.00 Anglia News (943817)
7.30-8.00 Liza's Country (430)
10.29 Anglia Air Watch (259985)
11.35 Baywatch Nights (734879)

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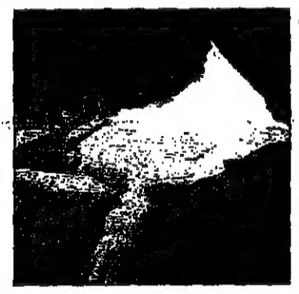
Starts: **7.00am The Big Breakfast** (20701) **9.00 The Bigger Breakfast** (4838445) **9.05 Rocko's Modern Life** (6719904) **9.30 California Dreams** (62614) **10.00 Hang Time** (5608140) **10.40 The Secret World of Alex Mack** (2393968) **11.10 Planet Pop** (8457411) **11.45 Eerie Indiana** (4138968) **12.30pm The Cosby Show** (66430) **1.00 Siot Meithrin** (77824343) **1.15 Deri Deg** (36214508) **1.35 FILM: The Green Man** (3207695) **3.00 Deals on Wheels** (7701) **3.30 Watercolour Challenge** (324) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One: The Big Winners** (459) **4.30 Ricki Lake** (343) **5.00 5 Pump** (9546) **5.30 Countdown** (695) **6.00 Newyddion 6** (193169) **6.10 Heno** (777701) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (659695) **7.25 Y Tymor** (854879) **8.00 Yma Mae 'Nghan** (8430) **8.30 Newyddion** (4237) **9.00 Rasus** (7102) **10.00 Brookside** (818985) **10.35 Equinox** (716188) **11.35 Edinburgh or Bust** (859237) **12.05am Barking** (9634164) **12.35 Cybill** (5909201) **1.05 Spin City** (9854386)

CHANNEL 4

7.00am The Big Breakfast (20701)
9.00 The Bigger Breakfast (4838445) **9.05** Rocko's Modern Life (6719904) **9.30** California Dreams (r) (T) (62614) **10.00** Hang Time (r) (5608140) **10.40** The Secret World of Alex Mack (r) (2393968) **11.10** Planet Pop (8457411) **11.45** Eerie Indiana (r) (T) (4138968) **12.30pm** Mission Impossible (5829072) **1.35** Collectors' Lot (T) (65042072)
1.40 The Dawn Patrol (1938, b/w) First World War aviation drama with Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone and David Niven. Directed by Edmund Goulding (T) (23038332)
3.30 Watercolour Challenge (T) (324) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One: The Big Winners (r) (T) (459) **4.30** Countdown (T) (3247850) **4.55** Ricki Lake: My Family Hates My Friends Because They're Black (r) (T) (2716966)
5.30 Pet Rescuers A house overrun by rabbits; a dog stuck on top of a building (T) (695)
6.00 Cheers Comedy with Bill Cosby (T) (508)
6.30 The Cosby Show (r) (T) (188)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) and weather (506695)
7.50 Shapes of the Invisible The inner structure of plastic (T) (715985)
8.00 Absolutely Animals Wendy Turner visits a hospital in Thailand that cares for elephants which have been banned from working in the logging industry. Last in series (T) (8430)
8.30 Brookside Lindsay comes up with a plan to remove Gary from her life once and for all (T) (4237)



Climbers push their bodies to the limit on Mt Everest (9pm)

9.00 Equinox: Thin Air Following a team of climbers and scientists to Mount Everest to examine the effects of low oxygen levels at high altitudes (T) (7102)
10.00 The Young Poisoner's Handbook (1994) with Hugh O'Connor. Black comedy based on a true storyabout a serial poisoner bumping off members of his family. Directed by Benjamin Ross (322546)
11.55 The Real World: San Francisco (r) (847492)
12.25am Homicide: Life on the Street (2/2) (r) (6043560)
1.25 A Slight Case of Murder (1938, b/w) Comical gangster drama with Edward G. Robinson set during the Prohibition era. Directed by Lloyd Bacon (278414)
3.00 The Witch Hunters (22560)
3.30 American Standoff (20763)
4.00 Hard Road (1988) Drama from the Children's Film Unit about a couple of bored 13-year-olds from very different backgrounds embarking on a journey of discovery (202560)
5.35 Heroes or Villains (1374454)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
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8.00am 5 News (T) and sport (9773530)
7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (8159091) **7.30** Milkshake! (6427091) **7.35** Dappledown Farm (r) (2852430) **8.00** Havakazoo (6964411) **8.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (r) (6963782) **9.00** Starting from Scratch (5746140) **9.25** Second Noah (4696546) **10.20** Sunset Beach (T) (1726188) **11.10** Leeza (r) (6328411) **12.00** News (T) and weather (6974898) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (3697782) **1.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8158362) **1.30** Sons and Daughters (3696053)
2.00 Sons of the Musketeers (1952) with Maureen O'Hara and Cornel Wilde. The legendary musketeers are joined by their children to thwart the evil Duke de Lavalle. Lewis Allen directs (6994121)
3.30 Tarzan Finds a Son (1939, b/w) Drama with Johnny Weissmuller. Tarzan and Jane decide to raise a small boy, the sole survivor of a plane crash. Richard Thorpe directs (1288140)
5.00 Russell Grant's Postcards Henley-on-Thames (45764508)
5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Letters from Parents (6804411)
6.00 100 Per Cent (4386053)
6.30 Family Affairs (T) (5136795)
7.00 News (T) (3573966)
7.30 Empire of the Elephant: Never Built to Fly Following the raising of a family of patriches (r) (T) (4281409)

Ross Kemp: the man behind the image (8.00pm)

8.00 This Wonderful Life: Ross Kemp An unauthorised biography of *EastEnders* actor Ross Kemp (3582614)
8.30 What Went Wrong? Television and amateur footage of disasters (3561121)
9.00 Arachnophobia (1990) with Jeff Daniels and John Goodman. A doctor, terrified of spiders, must overcome his fear to help to kill a nest of them. Frank Marshall directs (T) (1919053)
11.00 Not the Jack Docherty Show with Sean Moncrieff (5901898)
11.40 La Femme Nikita Nikita's friendship with Gray blossoms (r) (6668053)
12.35 am Live and Dangerous Includes Australian-rules football and motorsport (46296560)
3.45 Asian Football (1217947)
4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (7355270)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (8041367)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Tattooed Teenage Alien Fighters from Beverly Hills (68324) **6.30** Street Sharks (67695) **8.00** Garfield and Friends (81275) **9.30** The Simpsons (93508) **10.00** Games World (2271275) **10.15** Games World (2281896) **10.30** Just Kidding (87459) **11.00** The Superman (50966) **12.00** Married with Children (81411) **12.30pm** M*A*S*H (4118679) **12.55** The Special K Collection (31070035) **1.00** Geraldo (3911072) **1.55** The Special K Collection (42328072) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (1926850) **2.55** The Special K Collection (8331546) **3.00** Jenny Jones (3997782) **3.55** The Special K Collection (8614576) **4.00** Oprah (23275) **5.00** Star Trek: Voyager (3091) **6.00** The Nanny (1188) **6.30** Married with Children (1898) **7.00** The Simpsons (1492) **7.30** Reel TV (1922) **8.00** Speedi (9340) **8.30** Coppers (9276) **9.00** World's Most Daring Rescues (39324) **10.00** The Extraordinary (32411) **11.00** Star Trek: Voyager (71459) **12.00** Nash Bridges (22096) **1.00am** Long Play (4824102)

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SKY BOX OFFICE 1 (Transponder 28) **Men in Black (1997)**
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SKY BOX OFFICE 3 (Transponder 59) **The Lost World (1997)**
SKY BOX OFFICE 4 (Transponder 58) **Scream (1997)**

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00am Out of Time (1988) (53468506) **7.45 Farewell to the Planet of the Apes** (1974) (473550) **9.15 Race the Sun** (1996) (172504) **11.15 Annie, A Royal Adventure!** (1986) (85270614) **1.00pm Out of Time** (1988) (22895) **3.00 Pee-Wee's Big Adventure** (1988) (49430) **5.00 Annie, A Royal Adventure!** (1986) (77072) **7.00 Race the Sun** (1996) (80343) **9.00 Sunset Park** (1996) (45816275) **10.45 The Stepfather** (1987) (609782) **12.15am The Bridges of Madison County** (1995) (87432671) **2.30 Overdrive** (1997) (562164) **4.05 Something About Love** (1988) (223928)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

6.00am Crash-Up (1948) (80331121) **7.35 Peter No-Tail in America** (1997) (5438184) **8.55 The Scarlet Flower** (1991) (6969850) **10.15 Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco** (1996) (370324) **11.45 The Angel of Pennsylvania Avenue** (1997) (22021055) **1.20pm Crash-Up** (1948) (50316614) **2.50 Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco** (1996) (6373617) **4.20 Anywhere, Baby** (1998) (89092091) **6.00 The Angel of Pennsylvania Avenue** (1997) (99695) **7.20 Behind the Scenes** (3452) **8.00 Last Stand at Saber River** (1997) (46614) **10.00 A Time to Kill** (1996) (800633) **12.30am The Demolitionist** (1998) (44308) **2.00 Dead Weekend** (1995) (6594218) **3.25 Deadly Family Secrets** (1995) (79300905)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Flying Leathernecks (1951) (8328188) **6.00 Earth Girls Are Easy** (1988) (3624237) **8.00 The Wire of the Roses** (1988) (3629782) **10.00 Eyewitness** (1981) (2418988) **11.45 Candyman** (1992) (11190876) **1.25am Hot Pursuit** (1987) (97147275) **3.00 The Entity** (1983) (86502099) **5.00 Close**

TNT

9.00pm Spymaker: The Secret Life of Ian Fleming (1997) (39043985) **11.00 The Honeymoon Machine** (1961) (32290527) **12.45am The Loved One** (1965) (18939831) **3.00 Spymaker: The Secret Life of Ian Fleming** (1997) (14769831)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (5293508) **7.15** Baseball (487633) **7.45** Survival of the Fittest (486604) **8.15** Sports Centre (94888053) **8.30** Racing (52492) **9.00** Aerobics (18072) **9.30** Football League (88430) **10.30** Pool (69817) **11.30** High 5 (57256) **12.00** Aerobics (80968) **12.30pm** Football League (53883) **1.30** Golf (84382) **2.30** Survival of the Fittest (9456) **3.00** Bowls (93904) **5.00** Wrestling (5527) **6.00** Sports Centre (3148) **6.30** Inside Scottish Football (83168) **7.30** Sportnats (3904) **8.00** Cricket (88258) **10.00** Sports Centre (283817) **10.15** Footballers' Football Show (953411) **11.15** Inside Scottish Football (859555) **12.15am** Sports Centre (1876306) **12.30** Rugby League (16541) **1.30** Golf (58305) **2.30** Football Show (37473) **3.30** Sports Centre (41075947)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (8011701) **7.30** Sports Centre (4036169) **7.45** Racing (3538459) **8.15** Baseball (7725988) **8.45** Sports Centre (1147527) **9.00** Fish TV (7604091) **10.00** Bowls (1239362) **12.00** Pool (1209121) **1.00pm** Motor Sport (6105362) **4.30** V-Max (1585237) **5.00** Scottish Football (2971258) **6.00** Sports Unlimited (1239633) **7.00** Fastrax (2372985) **7.30** Football: Torquay United v Crystal Palace — Live (6494639) **10.00** Showjumping (2850966) **11.00** Golf (6097121) **12.00** Fastrax (7698299) **12.30am** Football (3541678) **2.30** Sports Centre (50674305)

SKY SPORTS 3

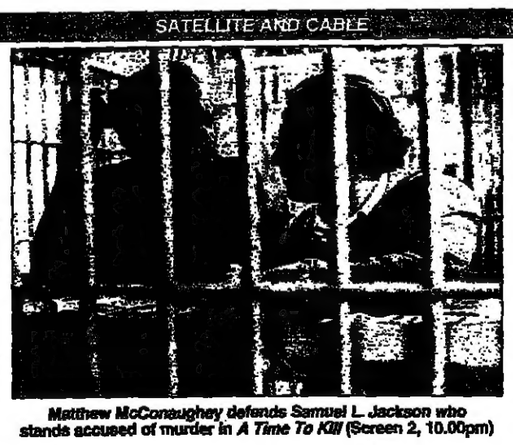
12.00pm Wrestling (85281633) **1.00pm** Fish TV (85287053) **2.00** Sports Classics (98238985) **3.00** Olympic Destinies (90288546) **3.30** Fastrax (20883850) **4.00** Showjumping (64131459) **5.00** Golf (90259898) **6.00** Rugby League Academy (85287817) **7.00** Fish TV (39033506) **8.00** Baseball (39046072) **10.00** Boxing (39032879) **11.00** Sportsnats (64132188)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Mountain Biking (16546) **8.00** Basketball (37275) **9.00** Ski Jumping (93742) **10.30** Football (771168) **12.00** All Sports (21504) **12.30pm** Mountain Biking (57817) **1.00** Motorsport (45072) **2.00** Tennis (75508) **3.30** Football (93382) **4.30** Football (14430) **6.00** Transtar Great American Insurance Championship — Live (76879) **8.00** Football: UEFA Cup Qualifying — Live (71324) **10.00** Football (90459) **11.00** Mountain Biking (68504) **11.30** Motorsport (87546) **12.00** Motorsport (17015)

UK GOLD

7.00am Crossroads (5292362) **7.30** Neighbours (8867817) **7.55** EastEnders (6973508) **8.30** The Bill (9231169) **9.00** The Bill (9215121) **9.30** Bergerac (8093169) **10.30** The Sullivans (92446339) **11.00** Dallas (4309985) **11.55** Neighbours (33123072) **12.25pm** EastEnders (3673985) **1.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7445343) **2.00** Dallas (1782508) **2.55** The Bill (1537468) **3.25** The Bill (6622072) **3.55** Bergerac (2742762) **4.55** EastEnders (1282237) **5.30** Home to Roost (1505237) **6.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7432879) **7.00** 2point4 Children (7511904) **7.40** Dad's Army (3199850) **8.20** The Detectives (8418527) **9.00** The Young Ones (8801527)



Matthew McConaughey defends Samuel L. Jackson who stands accused of murder in *A Time To Kill* (Screen 2, 10.00pm)

9.45 This Life (2702072) **10.35** Shooting Stars (6671091) **11.15** The Bill (6507343) **11.45** The Bill (6508614) **12.15am** Number 27 (1145183) **1.50** The Equalizer (1823218) **2.45** Shopping (80247562)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (2381324) **7.00** On the Buses (3343452) **7.30** Nearest and Dearest (2082527) **8.00** The Fenn Street Gang (2995527) **8.30** That's My Boy (2994698) **9.00** Coronation St (2976850) **9.30** Emmerdale (9793896) **10.00** Gladiators (3351411) **11.00** Hawaii Five-O (3371275) **12.00** Coronation St (2898614) **12.30pm** Emmerdale (9787614) **1.00** A Fine Romance (3375091) **1.30** Watching (9796995) **2.00** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (8676701) **3.00** Gladiators (8092275) **4.00** Hawaii Five-O (6046782) **5.00** Hart to Hart (8436430) **6.00** Emmerdale (4651091) **6.30** Coronation St (4642343) **7.00** Surgical Spirit (8447458) **7.30** The Fenn Street Gang (4646527) **8.00** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (8706099) **9.00** Coronation Street (6045668) **9.30** Hale and Pace (9777850) **10.00** Comedians (2888343) **10.30** Wheeltappers and Shunters (2598091) **11.00** Men and Motors (4817140)

CARLTON SELECT [CABLE]

5.00pm Blockbusters (90245695) **5.30** Gridlock (20897053) **6.00** My Two Wives (20894966) **6.30** Put the Other One (20818546) **7.00** Rising Damp (90265459) **7.30** Desmond's (20807430) **8.00** Our House (90241879) **8.30** Just a Gigolo (90253614) **9.00** Bread and Roses (39037324) **10.00** Perfect Scoundrels (39031411) **11.00** Boon (34312578) **12.00** Let the Blood Run Free (98578744) **12.30am** Fast Forward (80747929)

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Chip 'n' Dale 6.20 Bonkers **6.45** Quack Pack **7.05** Tale Spin **7.30** Aladdin The Series **7.50** Goof Troop **8.10** Timon and Pumbaa **8.30** 101 Dalmatians **9.00** Double Art Attack **9.30** Mighty Ducks **10.00** Smart Guy **10.30** Teen Angel **11.00** Boy Meets World **11.30** The Wonder Years **12.00** Brotherly Love **12.30pm** Dinosaurs **1.00** Jungle Cubs **1.30** Amazing Animals **2.00** Winnie the Pooh **2.15** Bear in the Big Blue House **2.40** Let's Wiggle **2.45** Winnie the Pooh **3.00** Timon and Pumbaa **3.30** Aladdin The Series **4.00** 101 Dalmatians **4.30** Recess **4.45** Peppa Ann **5.00** Smart Guy **5.30** Brotherly Love **6.00** Teen Angel **6.30** Boy Meets World **7.00** FILM: Whatever (1998) **8.30** The Wonder Years **9.00** Honey, I Shrunk the Kids: The TV Show **9.45** Tex Avery **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Power Rangers Turbo **7.00** Donkey Kong Country **8.00** Beetleborgs Metallix **9.00** Eerie, Indiana **10.00** Goosebumps **11.00** Life with Louie **11.50** Eeki Stravaganza **12.00** Ace Ventura **12.50pm** Sam and Max **1.00** Casper **1.50** Toonsylvania **2.00** C-Bear and Jamal **2.50** The Mouse and the Monster **3.00** Donkey Kong Country **4.00** Life with Louie **5.00** Goosebumps **6.00** Eerie, Indiana **6.30** Breaker High **7.00** Close

CARTOON NETWORK

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NICKELODEON

6.00am The Dr Seuss/Pick 'n' Mix including Clangers **7.30** Arthur **8.00** Extreme Ghostbusters **8.30** Jumanji **9.00** Rugrats **10.00** Hey Arnold! **10.30** Doug **11.00** Aaahh!! Real Monsters **11.30** Rocko's Modern Life **12.00** Sister Sister **12.30pm** Moesha **1.00** Kenan and Kel **1.30** The Secret World of Alex Mack **2.00** Clarissa Explains It All **2.30** Wishbone **3.00** Stickin' Around **3.30** Doug **4.00** Hey Arnold! **4.30** Rugrats **5.00** Sister Sister **5.30** Kenan and Kel **6.00** Sabrina the Teenage Witch **6.30** Moesha **7.00** Close

TROUBLE

7.00am Batman **8.00** Earthworm Jim **9.00** Echo Point **9.30** Heartbreak High **10.30** Ready or Not **11.00** California Dreams **11.30** USA High **12.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **12.30pm** Heartbreak High **1.30** Echo Point **2.00** Hollyoaks **2.30** Hang Time **3.00** Ready or Not **3.30** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **4.00** The T'Spot **4.30** Saved by the Bell **5.00** Hollyoaks **5.30** USA High **6.00** California Dreams **6.30** Bangs **6.45** What a Life **7.00** Saved by the Bell **7.30** Hang Time

CHALLENGE TV

5.00pm Crosswits **5.45** Family Fortunes **6.30** Catchphrase **7.15** Fifteen-to-One **7.55** The Crystal Maze **9.15** Strike It Lucky **10.00** 3-2-1 **11.15** Through the Keyhole **11.45** Sticky Moments **12.30am** Moonlighting **1.30** The Big Valley **2.30** Big Brother Jake **3.00** Sweet Justice **4.00** Blade Warriors **5.00** Screenshop

BRAVO

8.00pm The A-Team **9.00** Highway Patrol **9.30** Cops **10.00** Italian Stripping Housewives **10.30** Red Shoe Diaries **11.00** FILM: First Blood (1982) **1.00am** Beverly Hills Bordello **1.30** Italian Stripping Housewives **2.00** Highway Patrol **2.30** Cops **3.00** FILM: They Live (1988) **5.00** Monsters

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Sister Sister **7.30** Roseanne **8.00** Grace Under Fire **8.30** Caroline in the City **9.00** Cybill **9.30** Ellen **10.00** Frasier **10.30** Cheers **11.00** Duckman **11.30** Monkeybone Banks **12.00** Late Night with David Letterman **12.30am** Garry Shandling **1.00** Frasier **1.30** Cheers **2.00** Caroline in the City **2.30** The Monkeybone Banks Show **3.00** Roseanne **3.30** Cybill

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

6.00pm Quantum Leap (8673614) **8.00** Babylon 5 (9853850) **10.00** FILM: First Men in the Moon (1964) (4653324) **12.00** Sightings (9705657) **1.00am** The Tomorrow People: The Darkest Business (8693589) **1.30** Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe (2000386) **2.00** Friday the 13th (1114947) **3.00** Tales of the Unexpected (8673725) **3.30** Dark Shadows (8507676)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting **9.30** The Garden Show **10.00** Garden Calendar **10.30** New Yankee Workshop **11.00** Screaming Reels **11.30** Hometime **12.00** Our House **12.30pm** Home Again **1.00** Under the Hammer **1.30** Gimme Shelter **2.00** This Old House **2.30** Two's Company **3.00** Go Fishing **3.30** This Old House

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Discmen **4.30** Top Marques II **5.00** First Flights **5.30** Jurassica **6.00** Wildlife SOS **6.30** Mysteries of the Ocean Wanderers **7.30** Arthur C Clarke

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Gough sets seal on series triumph as South Africa are defeated at Headingley

England taste champagne at last

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

HEADINGLEY (final day of five): England beat South Africa by 23 runs

IT TOOK only half an hour, but, for many, it seemed like half a lifetime in Leeds yesterday until the exultant moment when Darren Gough bellowed his last appeal. Javed Akhtar raised a judicial finger and 10,000 voices at Headingley acclaimed the end of the empty years. England have won a series that matters and, in a favourite phrase of David Lloyd, their coach, it should be shouted from the rooftops.

South Africa, defiant to the end, were finally vanquished at 11.30am, when Gough, the symbol of all that is optimistic in the English game, took his sixth wicket of the innings. The match was won by 23 runs and the series by two games to one. The tension of five, cliffhanging days was released and the heartsearching of a 12-year wait was over.

In the memorably mad minutes that followed, a crowd of unimaginable size for what might have been two balls of cricket invaded the ground and England players, rightly emotional, gave themselves up to an experience that the more venerable had come to fear they would never savour.

"We've been through a lot together and seen plenty of hard times," Alec Stewart, the captain, said. "We've come back from 1-0 down to beat a side I rate among the top three in the world. We've hung in there through the bad times, when we played poorly, and this is a special day."

Lloyd, who knows his position would have been questioned had England been defeated, wore a smile of vindication. "I'm not bothered about me," he said. "I've had low moments, after the West Indies tour and again this summer, but you just have to dust yourself down and get on with it. I've got the best job in the world and days like this are what you work for."

For Stewart, who admitted to a disturbed night "thinking about my field placings", the victory came in his first series as captain. Michael Atherton, who led the previous 12, was off the field when it happened, having gone to hospital for tests after a two-day bout of food poisoning, but he was back, smiling wanly, in time to drink champagne, collect the England player-of-the-series award for his superb batting and to confirm: "I've not given the captaincy a second thought. The team's the thing, no matter who is in charge."

To have lost yesterday would have been unthinkable, crushing the long-suffering spirits of the sporting nation once again, yet to win the match and series, when five weeks ago both team and game were pronounced terminally sick, strains credulity. Seldom in the history of England cricket has victory been won from such a position; never has it been more needed.

Cricket has been up against it all summer, a jury of sceptics ready to deem it obsolete.

> 'The clouds have, thank goodness, lifted from the hills'
>
> John Woodcock, page 36

The measure of the game's health is the quality of the national team and, suddenly, there is colour in previously pallid cheeks.

To be at Headingley yesterday was to know how much it meant. By 9.30am, on a morning so dingy and drizzly that a delay was briefly threatened, spectators were streaming into this dire, decrepit yet wonderfully evocative stadium. By the time that play began, the Western Terrace was fuller than it had been on the opening day.

Before leaving home, those spectators might have seen television reruns from the time when England last won over the classic five-Test distance — in 1986-87 — or they might have heard radio news programmes punctuated by cricket, cricket, cricket.

Lord MacLaurin, the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, left London at 5.30am for an unscheduled return to Leeds — "Couldn't miss it," he said — and David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, prepared for another restless morning. "When we need a wicket, I tend to go for a walk," he said. "For three hours on Sunday, I spent a lot of time walking."

Fifteen minutes before the start, the England seam bowlers ran out one by one to warm up. First Cork, then Fraser were cheered on and, finally, to a tumultuous roar, Gough, the local hero. It could not have been stage-managed better.

When business resumed, the anticipation seemed to niggle at Gough. Inevitably handed the ball for the first over, he strained for rhythm and line. It needed a typically mean maiden from Angus Fraser to settle nerves as the crowd cheered every runless ball.

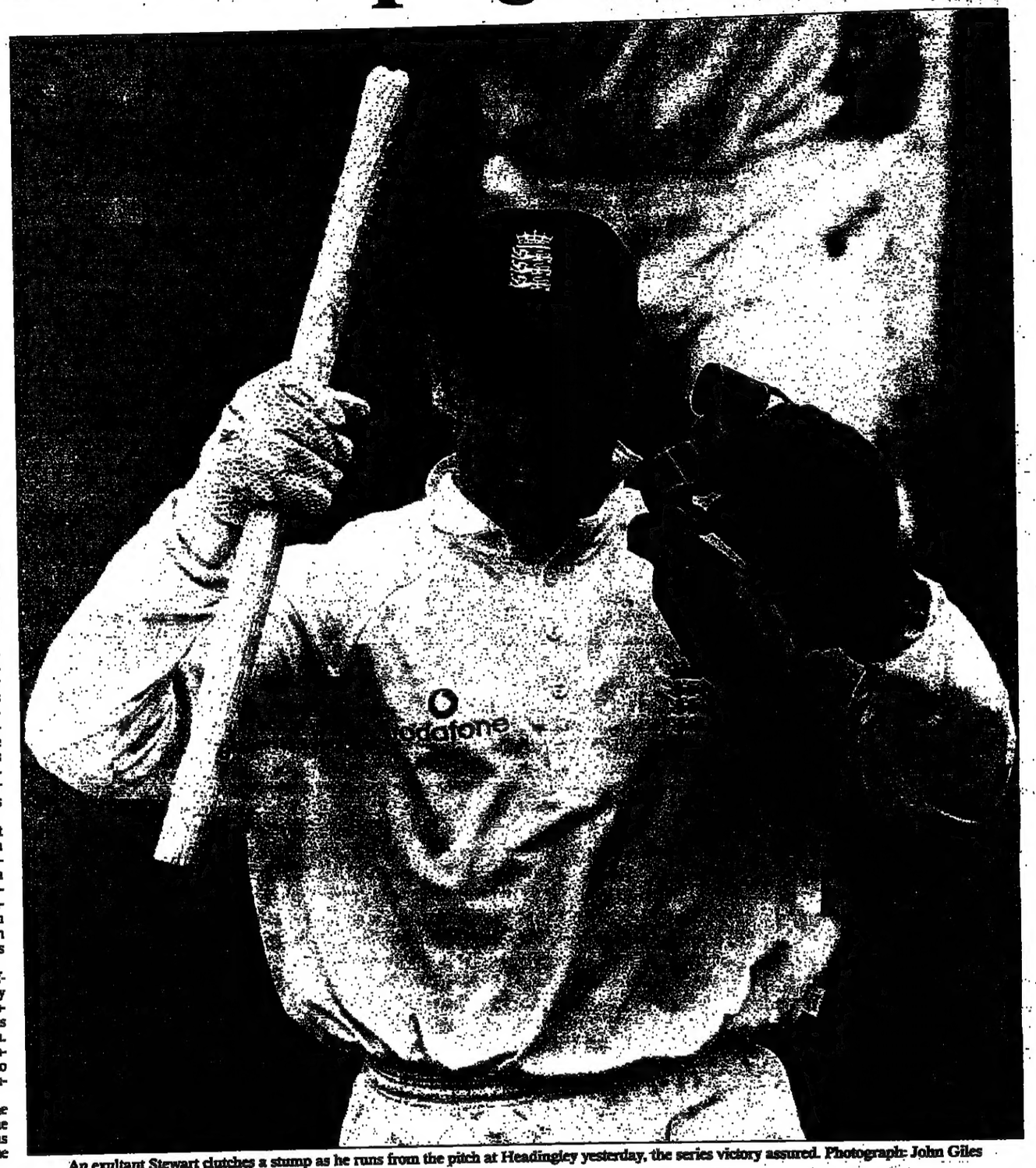
Needing 34 at start of play, South Africa gained four of them through leg-byes as Gough strayed down the leg side. Their target was down to 25 when, in the sixth over of the morning, Allan Donald was drawn into an error by Fraser and adjudged caught behind.

Donald's distraught expression told either of self-recrimination or dismay at another contentious decision. This match has been full of them — its one downside — and the culpability of Javed, who gave nine leg-before dismissals, is no greater than that of the International Cricket Council for sending five overseas umpires into a dramatic series.

Javed was yet to give his last decision, the merit of which was obscured by the pandemonium that followed. Makhaya Ntini has few batting pretensions and when Pollock exposed him to three balls from Gough, the last pinned him in front as he jumped across his crease.

Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, stood soberly apart from the England balcony scenes that followed, his mind doubtless a maelstrom. In defeat, he conducted himself with dignity, refusing to blame injuries, fatigue or umpiring.

"We let them back into the series at Old Trafford," he said. "I think our cricket has taken a step backwards." The opposite is true for England.



An exultant Stewart clutches a stump as he runs from the pitch at Headingley yesterday, the series victory assured. Photograph: John Giles

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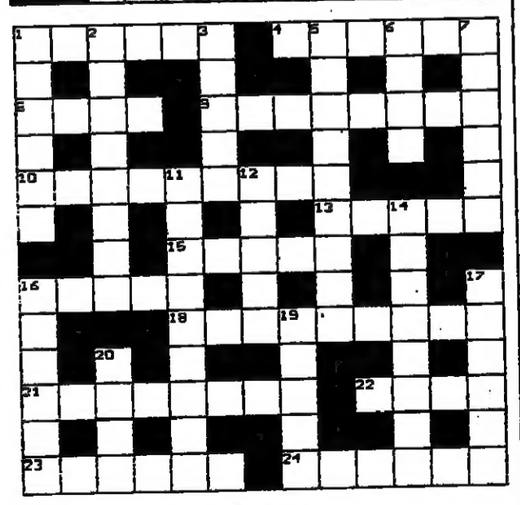

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Local hero steps forward

Michael Henderson celebrates the most ebullient of bowlers

WAITING for the German verb, Flann O'Brien said, is surely the ultimate thrill. Not if you're a follower of English cricket, it's not. People have been waiting 12 years for a day like this and now they can rummage through the dictionary for some verbs of their own: to win, succeed, overcome, triumph, prevail, even — yes! — to send packing (W. Shakespeare). If we can't borrow from our national poet at this time, when can we?

It doesn't actually make England top dogs in the international kennels, but it is a start. David Lloyd, the England coach, spoke afterwards of the way that Test cricket really tests players and reveals them as they are, and not the way they might imagine themselves. To have beaten South Africa in this series is a triumph and they are entitled to savour it. So is everybody else.

It was no surprise that Darren Gough finished it off yesterday morning. England's jack-in-box has probably never bowled better in Test cricket and to take six wickets in the last innings of the game was a feather in his cap. Fortunately, his hat size has never changed.

That is the endearing thing about him. His enthusiasm is entirely natural, a miracle in a world of bogus emotions.

There were times in the past when he was a daft lad, but, as Lloyd acknowledged, he has got over the difficult period, when a young man's head can easily be turned. "He is more mature now," Lloyd said. "He has always been an ebullient character in the dressing-room and loves the stage, but he is fully aware of what he has to do on the field.

"When he goes down to that area [indicating the Western Terrace] he makes sure that he is concentrating on what is going on up there [the pitch]. He knows he will be the focal point of the team, particularly at a ground like this, but he handles it well."

Gough's popularity is more than a recognition of his natural exuberance and enthusiasm, as 102 wickets in 25 Tests — including his career-best six for 42 at Headingley — suggest. He impressed from the outset of his England career, taking 17 wickets in four Tests against New Zealand and South Africa, and then claimed six for 49 and contributed a half-century in a dramatic draw with Australia in Sydney three years ago.

Injuries have bedevilled his involvement and restricted him to one full series, the 1996-97 tour to Zimbabwe and New Zealand, when he took 26 wickets in five Tests. Even this summer, he has not been immune; he broke his index finger batting in the first Test at Edgbaston and missed the next match at Lord's.

It is fruitless to wonder whether Gough would have made a difference to the outcome last winter in the Caribbean, a tour that he missed through injury. All Alec Stewart can do is thank his lucky stars that his main strike bowler is fit again.

How amusing it is to recall that, when Gough was sent on an A tour to South Africa five years back, a member of the party said: "We wanted to know whether he would make a third seamer." It sounds funny now, but it was not always evident that this perky Yorkshireman would take to the boards as he has.

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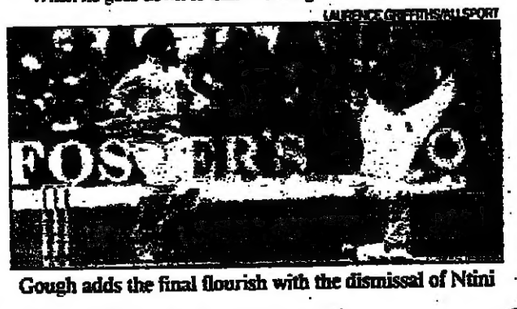

Gough adds the final flourish with the dismissal of Ntini

Croft's role is acknowledged

By Richard Hobson

THE man who changed the course of the South Africa series watched the thrilling final stages unfold on television 220 miles from Headingley, at his home in Hendy, Wales. But for Robert Croft, England would not be celebrating their first win in a full series since 1986-87 today. His tenacious batting in the third Test at Old Trafford has grown in significance since it enabled England to save the match five weeks ago. History will remember it as one of the great rearguard innings, a performance to equal that of Trevor Bailey and Willie Watson against Australia at Lord's in 1953.

Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, acknowledged that failure to convert what seemed a winning situation in Manchester was the turning point of the series. Alec Stewart agreed. Within minutes of the victory at Headingley, the England captain telephoned Croft to say "thanks, mate" in recognition of efforts past.

"At the time I knew it had been an important innings to save the game, but no more than that," Croft said yesterday. "We did not really think of the next two Tests straight away. At the time I was just exhilarated, and relieved that Gus had managed to stay there at the end.

"It is nice to get the recognition but there was a lot of very good cricket played by the lads at Trent Bridge and Headingley to actually go on and win the series. That's more or less what I said to Stewie — just really well done and thanks for ringing."

Croft was picked in a squad of 13 for the fourth Test, but lost his place to Ian Salisbury after failing to take a wicket in his three matches. "I hope people think of me as a good squad player, somebody who gives it his all," he said. The selectors will doubtless agree with this self-description and are likely to select Croft in the party for the Ashes tour this winter.

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